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GLORIOUS NEWS

Another Great Battle and Another Great Victory.

Triumph of the Army of the Potomac.

Attack upon Our Lines on Saturday in the midst of a Terrible Storm.

Gen. Casey's Division Driven Back.

The Rebels Held at Bay by Generals Heintzelman and Keyes.

Generals Sedgwick and Richardson Brought into Action.

The Enemy Repulsed at the Point of the Bayonet.

The Ground Covered with his Slain.

Attempt of the Rebels to Renew the Conflict Yesterday.

THEIR REPULSE AT EVERY POINT.

Splendid Bayonet Charges by Our Troops.

DISPATCH FROM GEN. McCLELLAN.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, June 1.

The following dispatch was received at the War Department this afternoon, from

FAIR OAKS STATION, Sunday, June 1—12 M.

We have had a desperate battle, in which the corps of Gens. Sumner, Heintzelman and Keyes have been engaged against greatly superior numbers.

Yesterday, at one, the enemy, *taking advantage of a terrible storm, which had flooded the valley of the Chickahominy,* attacked our troops on the right flank.

Gen. Casey's Division, which was in the first line, gave way unaccountably and disorderly. This caused a temporary confusion, during which the guns and baggage were lost; but Gens. HEINTZELMAN and KEYES most gallantly brought up their troops, which checked the enemy.

At the same time, however, I succeeded, by great exertion, in bringing across Gens. SEDGWICK and RICHARDSON'S Divisions, *who drove back the enemy at the point of the bayonet, covering the ground with his dead.*

This morning the enemy attempted to renew the conflict, *but was everywhere repulsed.*

We have taken many prisoners, among whom is Gen. PETTIGREW and Col. LORING.

Our loss is heavy, but that of the enemy must be enormous.

With the exception of Gen. CASEY'S Division the men behaved splendidly.

Several fine bayonet charges have been made. The Second Excelsior Regiment made two to-day.

(Signed) GEO. B. McCLELLAN,
Major-Gen. Commanding.

THE NEWS IN WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, June 1.

Gen. McCLELLAN'S dispatch touching the conflict of yesterday before Richmond was made public early this evening, and created immense excitement throughout the city. It is everywhere the subject of animated discussion, and has given rise to a thousand rumors, each of which has its earnest advocates. One story is that the gunboats have forced their way to Richmond and command the city, while our troops are rapidly entering; another is, that we have possession of the first line of the enemy's works, and are vigorously shelling the city; but, at this writing, nothing is really known beyond the official dispatch. The general impression is, that whether Richmond has yet fallen or not, our position is strong and satisfactory, and that our flag will in a few hours wave over the doomed city.

The conduct of CASEY'S Division is attributed to no fault of its venerable and gallant commander, but to the fact that it is chiefly composed of new and inexperienced troops. The noble bearing of HEINTZELMAN'S corps causes great rejoicing among the numerous friends of that dashing soldier. The service rendered by SEDGWICK'S and RICHARDSON'S Divisions of SUMNER'S corps is also much applauded.

Gen. PETTIGREW and Col. LORING, taken prisoners, are well known here as among the most ardent and efficient officers in the rebel army. LORING was in the Mexican war.

The bayonet charges of our troops are believed to have studded MAGRUDER'S superb movement at Williamsburgh, and must have proven very disastrous to the enemy.

Further details of the conflict are awaited with the greatest anxiety by the friends of the troops engaged. Gen. McCLELLAN'S dispatch indicates a heavy loss on our part. The deepest consternation prevails in the families of the many officers resident in Washington. At one time it was ascertained that CASEY and PARKER were killed, and HEINTZELMAN wounded, but the report was apparently without foundation.

Of the same cheering character, but somewhat overshadowed by the intelligence from the Army of the Potomac, is the news from the Department of the Shenandoah. Gen. SAXTON telegraphs from Harper's Ferry that stragglers arrived at Martinsburgh state that JACKSON'S force is again appearing in that direction, but evidently in retreat.

The scene during the reading of Gen. McCLELLAN'S official dispatch at WILLARD'S this evening, baffles description. So intensely excited and anxious were the multitude there congregated, that it was with much difficulty that Mr. CHADWICK, one of the proprietors, could reach the Bulletin-board to put on the telegram. When it was done *the dispatch was read aloud to several successive* crowds, amidst the wildest excitement and cheers for Gen. McCLELLAN and HEINTZELMAN and the Union.

USE OF THE BALLOON AND TELEGRAPH.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, June 1.

During the whole of the battle of this morning, Prof. LOWE'S balloon was overlooking the terrific scene from an altitude of about two thousand feet. Telegraphic communication from the balloon to Gen. McCLELLAN, and in direct connection with the military wires, was successfully maintained, Mr. PARKESPIRE, of Philadelphia, acting as operator. Every movement of the enemy was obvious, and instantly reported.

This is believed to be the first time in which a balloon reconnoissance has been successfully made during a battle, and certainly the first time in which a telegraph station has been established in the air to report the movements of the enemy, and the progress of a battle. The advantage to Gen. McCLELLAN must have been immense.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE ADVANCE.

The Fourth Army Corps—Laurel Grove Plantation—Rebel Deer-stalking—They Fire on a Flag of Truce—Arrival of a Commissioner from Gov. Letcher.

CAMP EXCELSIOR, RICHMOND,
Tuesday Night, May 27, 1862.

Step by step the Fourth Army Corps, under Gen. KEYES, has pressed on toward Richmond, feeling its way cautiously as the enemy gave way before it, until now Gen. CASEY, who leads the advance, has a position further to the front probably than any portion of the army that has established itself in force, his pickets along the railroad being within five miles of the city. Still, the main body of the enemy has not yet come in sight, and what has been discovered thus far confirms the information given by deserters and others that they have intrenched themselves close about the city, their earthworks lying mostly within the corporation limits. It is a strange country for the neighborhood of so large a city, the forest still continuing of almost primitive density, and a few scattered plantation houses being the only indications of population which yet meet us. Most of them have been deserted, and with good reason, for the constant skirmishing attending our advance has made them anything but comfortable for occupants.

During the fight on Saturday, one man who ventured to remain with his family, found the shot and shell flying so uncomfortably near that he arranged his children about him, lying flat upon the floor for greater security. Nor was the precaution a needless one—a ball going directly through his house. The most substantial residence of the neighborhood is "Laurel Grove," the home of Mr. SAVAGE, who has a well-kept plantation, and occupies a house of much more pretentious appearance than most Virginia mansions. Though a Secessionist, he admits having suffered much more from the Confederate troops than from the Union army,—his requests for protection having been promptly responded to by our Generals. His fences, many of them, still remain standing; his wheat-fields have scarcely been disturbed, and the sheep are still grazing peacefully in their pastures. So, on the whole, friend SAVAGE finds it not so bad a thing to be a rebel as he had thought, suffering more, in truth, from those whose cause he has befriended, than from the enemy against whom his sympathies are still directed.

Gen. NAGLEE, of Gen. CASEY'S Division, again went out this morning on a reconnoissance to the front waking up the enemy, who, after retiring to a favorable position, formed into line of battle, and showed fight, holding our troops in check with a couple of pieces of artillery. They were in no great force, having less than a regiment of infantry and a few squadrons of cavalry; and, had it not been for the risk of unduly hastening a general engagement, their challenge to the combat would have been accepted by Gen. NAGLEE, who is never behindhand with a fight. No damage was done by the firing of their artillery, which was not responded to.

One of the rebel pickets, a North Carolinian, was brought into camp this evening badly wounded, having been shot at a distance of 300 yards by one of our sentinels, toward whom he was crawling on his hands and knees, watching his opportunity to get a shot. This sort of deer-stalking is getting to be a common amusement with the rebels. Col. BAILEY, of the Artillery, who went yesterday into their camp under a flag of truce, finding many among those gathering about him whose knees bore evidence of their employment during the day. One of these was a Captain, who did not hesitate to tell how he had been amusing himself shooting at the Yankees. Fortunately, their efforts have not thus far been very successful, none of our men having yet been hurt, so far as I can learn.

Col. BAILEY, though bearing a flag of truce, with a message in answer to one from the other side, was shot at as he approached the Confederate lines; the sentry excusing himself on the plea that he did not recognize the flag, though the distance was but a hundred yards. His officers seem to have been more disturbed by the idea that one of their men should have proved so poor a shot as to miss at this distance, than by his violation of a flag of truce. Considerable curiosity was excited among the rebels by Col. BAILEY'S neat clothing, their own appearance being ragged and wretched in the extreme.

The message carried by the Colonel was in response to a request sent on Sunday, that a Commissioner appointed from the Legislature of Virginia should be allowed to pass through our lines on his annual visit to the Williamsburgh Insane Asylum. The request was promptly granted, it not occurring to us to be the military authorities here that the Virginia Legislature recognized by their Government is located at Wheeling, and not at Richmond, from whence the request comes. However, the Commissioner appointed by Gov. LETCHER—Judge CHRISTIAN—was very graciously received as he came within our lines just after sunrise yesterday, and made as comfortable as the limited accommodations of camp would allow. I spent last evening with him very pleasantly, in smoking a fragrant Havana, which he politely hoped would not prove contraband on account of having run our blockade, and in an exchange of common place civilities, both parties tacitly avoiding evidence of disagreement.

The Judge proved to be a very pleasant spoken gentleman of about forty, a little over-anxious to have it understood that politeness is indigenous to Virginia, and more inquisitive in regard to military matters than was altogether consistent for the proper discharge of his duties as a Commissioner. His mission is one of no great necessity, our military authorities at Williamsburgh having made every provision for the comfort of the inmates of the Asylum. Indeed, Judge CHRISTIAN gave it as a reason for the sending a Commissioner under such circumstances, that "the honor of Virginia" required it. PIERREPONT.

Moving Forward—Skirmishing—Gen. Porter's Flight—Gen. Sickles' Order on Resuming Command.

WHITE OAK SWAMP, Wednesday, May 28, 1862.

HOOKER'S Division has been encamped at this place for the past three days. Orders have been received this morning to move—the *last* move we can make before Richmond. We are now within ten miles of that place.

Everything preparatory to a fight is being arranged as speedily as possible. Some of our officers think the battle before Richmond will eclipse even that of Pittsburgh in the number of the slain.

Yesterday a fight took place on an advance portion of PORTER'S *corps d'armée*. The enemy were routed. Heavy firing has been resumed this morning on our right, and the presumption is, the battle has been renewed. It may lead to a general engagement. Ambulances from here have been sent to the Headquarters of Gen. McCLELLAN, 14 miles distant, which leads to the belief we have had many wounded yesterday. I will send particulars this afternoon.

Two companies of the Third Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. W. H. LAWRENCE, of Gen. HOOKER'S Staff, made a reconnoissance to the middle road, within four miles of the James River. None of the enemy were seen. The houses on the middle road, of which there are quite a number, quaint and olden, are found to be deserted.

The following is the *order* of Gen. SICKLES to his brigade on assuming the command at White Oak Swamp:

HEADQUARTERS EXCELSIOR BRIGADE, U. S. V.,
SECOND HOOKER'S DIVISION, May 26, 1862.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 16.—In obedience to Special Orders No. 156, Headquarters Army of the Potomac, I hereby resume command of the Excelsior Brigade, United States Volunteers, Second Brigade HOOKER'S Division, Third Army Corps.

Soldiers: When separated from you in April, I was sure that honors awaited you on the fields you were approaching. My anticipation was soon fulfilled.

You shared, with others, the fortitude and zeal which gained for the Army of the Potomac its single triumph at Yorktown.

At Williamsburgh you won imperishable renown. As long as this war has a place in history, the courage, constancy, and steadiness, which you displayed *in that unequal combat, will make the 5th of May* memorable in our annals. The enemy has felt your power, and the nation appreciates your worth.

Yet greater achievements are within our grasp. We are near Richmond. The army of the Potomac has never yielded an inch of ground. Our leader is feared by the enemy and beloved by his soldiers. The liberty and order which WASHINGTON established, with the blessing of God, will be maintained by McCLELLAN, under the same good Providence. We will assist in the great and final triumph of a just cause.

Your discipline, valor, and loyalty, will secure for you the post of honor. The heroic companions we have lost appeal to us to avenge their sacrifice, and complete their work in establishing the Union.

Richmond, the capital of the enemy, must fall before the invincible Army of the Potomac.

"Richmond" emblazoned on your colors, will give you all an enduring claim to the gratitude of the Republic, and the applause of the world.

(Signed) D. E. SICKLES,
Brigadier-General Commanding.

ACROSS THE CHICKAHOMINY.

ORDER OF GEN. McCLELLAN.

On the 25th, Gen. McCLELLAN issued the following order:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
CAMP NEAR COAL HARBOR, VA., May 25, 1862.

I.—Upon advancing beyond the Chickahominy, the troops will go prepared for battle at a moment's notice, and will be entirely unencumbered, with the exception of ambulances. All vehicles will be left on the eastern side of the Chickahominy, and carefully packed. The men will leave their knapsacks, packed, with the wagons, and will carry three days' rations. The arms will be put in perfect order before the troops march, and a careful inspection made of them, as well as of the cartridge boxes, which, in all cases, will contain at least forty rounds; twenty additional rounds will be carried by the men in their pockets. Commanders of batteries will see that their limber and caisson boxes are filled to their utmost capacity.

Commanders of army corps will devote their personal attention to the fulfillment of these orders, and will personally see that the proper arrangements are made for packing and properly guarding the trains and surplus baggage, taking all the steps necessary to insure their being brought promptly to the front when needed; they will also take steps to prevent the ambulances from interfering with the movement of any troops than which must follow in the rear of all the troops moving by the same road. Sufficient guards and staff officers will be detailed to carry out these orders.

The ammunition wagons will be in readiness to march to their respective brigades and batteries at a moment's warning, but will not cross the Chickahominy until they are sent for. All quartermasters and ordnance officers are to remain with their trains.

II.—In the approaching battle the General Commanding trusts that the troops will preserve the discipline which he has been so anxious to enforce and which they have so generally observed. He calls upon all the officers and soldiers to obey promptly and intelligently all orders they may receive; let them bear in mind that the army of the Potomac has never yet been checked, and let them preserve in battle perfect coolness and confidence, the sure forerunners of success. They must keep well together, throw away no shots, but aim carefully and low, and above all things rely upon the bayonet. Commanders of regiments are reminded of the great responsibility that rests upon them; upon their coolness, judgment and discretion the destinies of their regiments and success of the day will depend.

By command of Maj.-Gen. McCLELLAN:
S. WILLIAMS, Assistant Adjutant-General."

IMPORTANT FROM BALTIMORE.

A Military Change—Gen. Dix to Command the Department of Virginia in Place of Gen. Wool—Mrs. Greenhow and the Secesh.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, June 1.

Maj.-Gen. DIX left here this morning in the Old Point boat for Fortress Monroe, to take command of the Department of Virginia, relieving Gen. WOOL, whom report says comes here.

The departure of Gen. DIX from Baltimore will be greatly regretted by very many of our citizens. He and his Staff officers have made many very warm friends in Baltimore. A parting salute of 13 guns was fired from the fort on Federal Hill, as the steamer left.

Mrs. GREENHOW, Miss HOGE, her daughter, Mrs. BAILEY and Mrs. MASON, four female traitors, who have been imprisoned in Washington for some time, were released and sent to Baltimore last evening, under a guard, and left in this afternoon's boat for Old Point to be sent South. The officer having charge of these women took them to the Gilmore House, where, strange to say, they were permitted to hold a regular levee, and today they received quite an ovation from the secession women of Baltimore, much to the disgust of the Union people of the city.

NEWS FROM THE GULF.

Postponement of the Attack upon Mobile.

A Reconnoissance of Lake Pontchartrain and Pearl River.

Perilous Position of the Surveying Steamer Sachem.

THE MORTAR SCHOONERS CRUISING.

Matters at Mobile—Evacuation of Fort Gaines, &c.

From Our Special Correspondent.

SHIP ISLAND, MISS., Thursday, May 22, 1862.

When I finished my last letter, I was firm in my faith, like everybody else connected with the mortar flotilla, that certainly a week would not pass before we should be battering at the forts which command the entrance to Mobile Bay. A day or two after the departure of the mail, I learned that Capt. PORTER had received dispatches from Commodore FARRAGUT, brought from New-Orleans by the steamer *Whitmore*, old Lake Pontchartrain, forbidding the attack until such time as the Flag-Officer's force should return from its reconnoitering trip up the Mississippi, to participate in the operation. This fact of the Flag-Officer occasioned a great deal of disappointment. I don't pretend to know why it was issued, but I am very well aware that Capt. PORTER would not have hesitated at attempting the work of reducing the forts with his mortar vessels alone, if the opportunity had been afforded him. And he must have been moderately confident that success would follow, or he would not have been willing to risk fading the laurels so gallantly won by his flotilla, in bringing the formidable works on the Mississippi to capitulation. But there is no way of helping this compulsory and unpleasant delay. How long it will continue nobody knows, not even Commodore FARRAGUT himself, and the most sanguine scarcely expect anything to be done within a month.

I am very sure that none regrets the inaction of the mortar fleet more keenly than its commander. His is one of those active temperaments which cannot be at rest when an object is to be pursued or a labor to be achieved. And Capt. PORTER is as capable and modest as he is energetic. I do not think that he requires any eulogy from me, but I cannot help expressing my sincere admiration of him as a self-sacrificing, gallant and good man. I know from trustworthy sources, a great deal respecting his projection and planning of the expedition against New-Orleans—the difficulties *that had to be surmounted, the antagonisms that had* to be harmonized; and last, but not least, the untiring industry which he has displayed through out the of anxious preparation, as the guiding spirit of the enterprise. It would not be proper now to write of these matters in detail. It is sufficient to know that his plans have been carried to a successful and glorious issue; and his countrymen will not be slow to award him a meed of gratitude, nor the Government the honors which his services justly merit.

THE MORTAR VESSELS CRUISING.

The day after Commodore FARRAGUT'S dasher was received, six of the mortar-schooners were sent out from Ship Island to cruise between Pensacola and Pass Christian, thus covering the whole line of Coast along the Mississippi Sound, from the shallow harbors of which a number of rebel steamers and schooners laden with cotton, tar and turpentine, had escaped out and crossed to Havana. The schooners had scarcely gone when information was brought over from the main land, *by a fishing smack*, that there were two rebel gunboats in Lake Pontchartrain, at a place called Mandeville, a small town at the mouth of the Chefunete River, on the northern side of the lake. An expedition was at once organized on the principle that grass must not sprout beneath our feet, or rather that barnacles must not grow on the vessels' bottoms, to go up to Mandeville and cut out the gunboats. It consisted of the *Westfield*, Capt. RENSHAW, *Clifton*, Capt. BALDWIN, and *Jackson*, Capt. WOODWORTH; and the little surveying steamer *Sachem*, which had been already of immense service to the mortar flotilla, was to go along in advance of the others as pilot—her officers all belonging to the Coast Survey, and some of them having made the official charts of the lake and its approaches, were fully competent to act as guides.

This expedition left Ship Island at sunrise of Tuesday, May 13. We passed through Cat Island passage, following our pilot-boat, which was cautiously feeling her way over the shallows with the heaving lead, ever and anon stopping to overhaul a schooner, a sloop or craft of some description, several of which we sighted. These vessels we fondly hoped would prove to be prizes, containing quantities of cotton and sugar, which would fill our pockets with spending money. But we soon found out that our purses would not be made weightier by these coasters. Of the dozen or more which were examined by us, every one had a printed pass, signed by Gen. BURNS, permitting her captain to go to a port specified on the paper, and get provisions for the starving poor of New-Orleans. Although our hopes of enriching ourselves were thus quickly dispelled, and the air-castles built upon them fallen, the general disappointment which was felt only took the form of a gentle objurgation upon Gen. BURNS for allowing his food argosies to run the Sound without either a United States flag or a rebel rag. If they had flown the first we would not have been put to the trouble of bringing them to for examination, and if they had dared to exhibit the rag, the trouble of catching them would have been outweighed by the pleasure we should have felt in teaching them better manners. Several of these vessels had families on board, with their trunks and household traps, seeking refuge by permission of Gen. BURNS at Pass Christian, Pascagoula, Biloxi, or or some other of the pleasant watering places on the Sound.

I have been telling you about "our movements," as I have a period right to do, for I formed one of the expeditionary party, having the consent of the Captain of the *Sachem* to go with him. I hailed the chance with joy. What an agreeable relief the trip would be to my occupation of lounging listlessly on the deck of my prison-schooner, fanned upon by Sirocco and simmering the sun! Besides, what a splendid opportunity for getting something to write about, of which Ship Island did not offer the remotest prospect! So I went.

Well, at 2 o'clock we had gone across Lake Borgne, waiting an hour for an armed boat to go ashore at a place called English Lookout, where a schooner lay partially concealed by the trees. The officer reported, when he returned from the reconnoissance, that the vessel was not in sailing order—in fact that she was dismantled and leaky, and consequently could be of no service to us. He added to our stock of knowledge by learning from the only man of the place, who, as well as his wife and eight children, were much disturbed at the visit, that the settlement derived its name in consequence of the English having established a team in a large tree to take observations, when, in 1812, under Gen. PACKENHAM, they tried to capture New-Orleans. At 3 o'clock we were steaming through the [illegible], the circuit connecting Lake Borgne and Pontchartrain. Here we saw the boom of logs and timber which the rebels had thrown across the stream to prevent access by water to the rear of the city. This obstruction seemed to have been placed there at great cost of labor and expense, but somebody had taken pains to remove it before we came up, and it lay in a confused heap, huddled against the eastern shore. Fort Pike was just ahead, looking very pleasant, with its flag waving and pretty shade trees; and as we passed the gunners saluted us by dipping the National ensign. The fort had a great many guns mounted, one tier of which is casemated, and the appearance of the structure was formidable.

After entering Lake Pontchartrain we steamed two miles or so, and came upon quite a village, built on pretended pontoons, the "middle ground," where there was just little more than seven feet of water. As soon as our boats, emerging from the shallows, we saw eight flotilla boats, considerable time was consumed in forcing them over the bars, and it was quite dark when we anchored at the mouth of the Chefunete. On the way we overhauled half a dozen more schooners, which, however, were provided with Gen. BURNS'S passes. Seeing a black smoke over toward Lakeport, which is but seven miles from New-Orleans, Commander RENSHAW, the senior officer of the expedition, dispatched the *Clifton* to ascertain its cause. It was then nearly dark, and we saw no more of the *Clifton* that night. We found near Mandeville, the United States gunboats *New-London*, Capt. RUSS, and the *Calhoun*, Capt. DE HAVEN. This surprised us, for we supposed that these vessels had gone up Pearl River, to clear out the rebel steamers which were believed to have taken refuge there. And we found, too, that our prey had escaped us, for the rebels, in their usual vandal manner, had set the two gunboats on fire and destroyed them as soon as the *New-London* and *Calhoun* appeared. At the village of Mandeville there was a large white flag flying, and we inferred from this that the inhabitants had an inclination to be peaceable.

Early next morning the Westfield, Jackson and Sachem left on the return trip down the lake, while the *New-London* remained for a supply of coal, which the *Calhoun* had gone to bring her. After steaming an hour we met the *Clifton* coming up, and her captain reported that the smoke seen the previous evening had come from the steamer *Alice Vivian*—a boat owned in Mobile, between which city and New-Orleans Gen. BURNS permits her to run under a flag of truce, for the purpose of bringing flour to the sufferers of the last-named place. Capt. BALDWIN also told us that news had come to New-Orleans by telegraph of the surrender of the City of Mobile to the vessels of the blockading squadron.

This piece of information none of us rally credited, but it made me desirous of returning to Ship Island as soon as possible, to send word, if the report were correct, by the first dispatch boat. But the water had fallen at least one foot when we came to the "middle ground," and the *Jackson*, having less powerful engines than the other boats, could not pass, and remained aground. Here was a dilemma. We steamed ahead, and backed and lightened ship, and tried every available method of getting her over, but she would not budge. The *Sachem* was sent back to assist us, but could accomplish nothing, and I was glad to desert my hospitable friends on the *Jackson*, who had every prospect of staying where they were, nobody knows how long, and take a passage on the *Sachem*, which I hoped would immediately return to Ship Island.

A DARING RECONNOISSANCE UP PEARL RIVER.

But it was ordained otherwise. Capt. RENSHAW had determined upon taking a trip up Pearl River to *Gainesville, a distance of 40 miles; and as it was too* late to start that day, we anchored in the Rigolets for the night. Pearl River empties into the Rigolets by three mouths, the most navigable of which is directly opposite the Rigolet Light-house. It is a deep stream, with very little current, and forms the dividing line for many miles of the States of Louisiana and Mississippi. A great deal of lumber is produced from the woods which line its banks, and the sawmills I believe, have not ceased running since the rebellion broke out.

The morning of Thursday, the 15th, dawned with a dense fog, which prevented an early start. It was clear at 8 o'clock, and the three steamers got under weigh, the *Sachem* leading. We had a pilot on board named LAWRENCE, a true worthy man, who had been taken from a vessel which three weeks before had attempted to run the blockade at Mobile. He had given undoubted proofs of his Union principles, and all that he told us respecting the character of the river proved to be correct. We found the stream very tortuous. For the first eight miles it ran through a marsh, and the boats looked very singular as they meandered along, heading east and then west, as though playing a game of cross purposes. Then the river gradually became narrower, and on both banks a dense forest grew quite down to the water's edge. A pretty little village called Pearlington nestled in a clearing on the east side of the river, about ten miles from the entrance, the inhabitants of which seemed to be thrown into great consternation at our appearance. A small steamer and a schooner were lying at the wharf loading with lumber, and the Captain of the steamer, who we have in sight, thought of trying to get away from us by "firing up" with resin, but he soon found that he could not be successful and stopped. We passed by the insignificant little craft without noticing her. Some terror-stricken women and children ran out of their houses, disappearing into the woods, but I think the majority of the people must have remained, as there were a great many groups assembled to look upon the Yankee invaders. Mr. GARDIN, chief of the surveying party, sent a boat on shore from the *Sachem* with Mr. HARRIS, his hydrographical assistant, to assure the people of our peaceable intentions. They received his communications without making demonstrations of any kind.

We continued our voyage a few miles further, turning sharp bends, seeing no sign of life, save now and again a lazy alligator, stretched upon a log, and hearing no sound except that of the locusts winding their "sultry horns." And we seemed to fall into the anthedic mood which harmonized with our surroundings. Suddenly the river branched, and we took the main stream, but beyond this point the *Westfield* and *Clifton* could not go. The course of the stream had now become a perfect zig-zag, the distance from bank to bank not exceeding fifty yards, and the little *Sachem*, in attempting to make a turn, ran her bows plump into the trees, causing a tremendous crash among the branches. To extricate her, it was necessary to get out a hawser and make it fast to a tree on the opposite bank; and while this was in progress a boat was sent back to report the condition of affairs to Commander RENSHAW. Near the point where the *Sachem* ran into the bank, a narrow path led through the woods to a house some distance from the shore. Three negroes were at the water's edge, divesting an alligator of his skin, and two of them ran away at sight of us, while the other stolidly continued his work, scarcely honoring us with a sideloog glance. I am thus particular in narrating these details, as I believe the negroes had something to do with the mysterious which afterward befell us.

It was now about two in the afternoon, and the boat which had been sent to communicate with the *Westfield* returned, accompanied by another boat, containing Commanders RENSHAW and BALDWIN, and an armed crew. On board the *Sachem*, a consultation was held, which resulted in the determination to go further, the pilot having told us that she would only have to pass three more bad bends, when the river would be wider, and the task of turning be comparatively easy. So we went ahead, jutting the vessel's prow into the woods at the next angle, again getting her head around with a hawser, and again steaming crash into the bank. The time consumed in passing two of these turns was not less, I think, than a three-quarters of an hour; but the novelty of the situation made it pleasant. The sailors had stripped branches from the trees, as the vessel reeled among the foliage, with which they decorated their caps in fantastic style, and we were all gay as the minds and crystals which are supposed to belong to young and vigorous. Suddenly we opposite a large and [illegible] two-story house, built upon a ridge, perhaps a hundred yards from the river bank, from which [illegible] men emerged, and ran off in the direction which we were pursuing. I do not know whether any had [illegible] seen them pass, but I felt convinced that their running boded no good to us. If they were friendly, curiosity would prompt them to stay and look at us. This thought had scarcely occurred to me, when we heard the report of a pistol [illegible] the woods, immediately came to the vessel. [illegible] we had then to remain upon it. [illegible] bullets were whistling over our heads. [illegible] fashed upon some of us then, I think for the first time, that we had fallen into an ambuscade, and such conviction changed to that we were utterly helpless and at the mercy (?) of the enemy, must have flashed upon us simultaneously. A number of heavy [illegible] fell against the vessel, and there was a [illegible] grasped, and fired at random into the woods. Capt. RENSHAW ordered his men from the [illegible] which was leaping under the shower, and the men had their skins. I cannot imagine a more [illegible] position than we were in for a few minutes. The firing continued from the woods, and we could hear the balls whiz by us, but we saw no enemy, and not even the smoke of his guns, at which to direct our [illegible]. I have been unavoidably under the fire of [illegible] many times, and know the sensations consequent of having a rifled shell approach, and the relief which is experienced as it passes by with its awful screech; but there can be no comparison of such danger with the one which now beset us. It is far more agreeable to know the location of your foe, and what you may expect from him, than to be stunned from [illegible] cade. Comparing sensations afterward, I found that almost every man on board the vessel thought that his time had come. But while the fight lasted, there was no blundering. Each man showed a determination of *doing what was required of him with the utmost coolness* and speed.

Of course the first thing to be done was to dislodge the vessel from her awkward position, and this was left with Mr. J. G. OSMANDE, topographical assistant to the Chief of the Coast Survey party and chief officer of the vessel. Mr. OSMANDE was standing forward on the bowsprit, [illegible] speed place, directing the movements of the steamer with the object of turning her, for it would have been impossible to back her down the river. While so engaged a ball struck him in the right breast, smashing a watch which blocked him from further duty. We had no Surgeon on board, and it was quickly ascertained that I was the most available substitute; therefore to my charge the poor sufferer was committed. I did all that I knew how for my patient, but that was very little, and I could only assure him that the wound was not likely to be dangerous, as the ball had not penetrated the lungs. Meanwhile a [illegible] was kept up, although I was not on deck after words until we had escaped the danger. In the confusion consequent upon the unexpected attack, everybody on board the *Sachem* seemed to have forgotten that she carried heavy guns, and the fact was not remembered until after Mr. OSMANDE was wounded. Then Mr. J. H. KEENEY, the submarine engineer, who was on board, mustered a crew to the howitzer gun, and discharged first a shot and then a round of grape into the woods. Whether the fire killed any of the rebels we do not know, but it had the effect of dispersing them, for they did not reply, and the river *again became silent as the grave.*

About half an hour was spent in getting the *Sachem* headed down stream, and the difficulty of turning her was aggravated by the danger of losing or breaking her propellers, if they came in contact with a snag or roots of a tree on the river bank. We were relieved of a terrible suspense when the task was accomplished, although it was done at the expense of three beam, which were torn and scraped by the propeller. One of the *Sachem's* crew did a very heroic action. Before the vessel's head could be brought toward the river, a line must be attached to a tree on the opposite bank, for the purpose of hauling her from aground. How could the hawser be got across? That was a puzzling question. Both boats crowded, and the case urgent. The lives of all depended upon the facility of movement. "Why!" [illegible] "I can do it!" said an officer, and instantly from out of the figures, appeared his resolution. Attaching a small line to his body, he plunged overboard, crossed the river, hauled the hawser over, made it fast, and returned in safety. It was a bold act, and the gallant fellow should be honored.

Two hours or more of the [illegible] were brought to bear to the place where we had left the *Clifton* and *Westfield*, and Mr. OSMANDE was transferred to the former vessel and placed under the Surgeon's care. He was suffering a great deal, and the Doctor, on probing the wound, was unable to find the ball, which he supposed had glanced around the side and embedded itself somewhere in the thorax. The three vessels then returned down the river, and I believe the heart of everybody on board the *Sachem* must fill of gratitude to God for his signal [illegible] saving us from what seemed certain death. Scarcely a bullet struck the vessel, one or two passing through the clothing of persons on board, but only Mr. OSMANDE was injured. Had the rebels chosen, they might have picked us off one by one, themselves [illegible] behind the trees, and that they did not I can only attribute to their fright at the discharge of our howitzer gun. How many of the enemy were [illegible] in the woods we have no means of knowing, although a volley of at least twenty shots was fired, besides a large number of straggling shots. LAWRENCE, the pilot, said that there was a regiment stationed at Gainesville, two and a half miles above, and it was his opinion that the men who attacked us belonged to it. We were sorry to return without having accomplished our object; but it would have been foolhardiness to have gone further, under the circumstances. That night it was too dark to go beyond the mouth of Pearl River. There we anchored, and at 12 o'clock the next day we were again at Ship Island. We found that the steamship Baltic, Capt. CRAMMON, had arrived during our absence, bringing a large supply of mortar-shell, which was greatly needed, as well as a mail, which, if anything, was more acceptable.

PRIZES CAPTURED.

Upon inquiry of Capt. PORTER respecting the rumored surrender of Mobile, I found that the statement, like most fleet rumors, was baseless as the fabric of a vision. Some of the mortar schooners had returned from their short cruise, bringing with them information, and in one instance a couple of prizes. The fortunate vessels to make the captures were the *Matthew Vassar*, Capt. SAVAGE, and the *Sea Foam*, Capt. WILLIAMS. Their prizes were two sloops, containing forty-five barrels of turpentine, and the other thirty-five bales of cotton, besides a quantity of tar, all of which will be taken home by the Prize-Master.

The schooner *Four Friends*, Captain [illegible], was overhauled by the *Harriet Lane*, while attempting to run the blockade from Mobile. She had no cargo on board. Capt. SEAVE gave some information to the guard in Mobile matters up to the 10th of May. He said that there were only three gunboats in Mobile Bay—the *Gaines*, 10 guns, the *Morgan*, 10, and a large schooner, mounting 5 guns. Our informant spoke as to the evacuation of Fort Gaines, on Dauphin Island, of which I wrote before, seems to have been well-founded. SEAVE said that the guns taken from the fort have been removed to Mobile and mounted there behind a line of earthworks, now in process of construction, and upon which every available man in the city is compelled to work. According to SEAVE'S statement, every salient point from Fort Morgan to the city is to be fortified. There is a battery at Choctaw Motel, another at the lighthouse, unfinished, and a third at the mouth of Spanish River, mounting eight guns. One mile inside of Dog River Bar there are spikes driven down, and flatboats, schooners, etc.,

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THE GREAT EXHIBITION.

LETTER FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

The Blunders of the Commissioners—Small Attendance Compared with 1851—Peculiarities of the Exhibition—The Japanese.

LONDON, Saturday, May 17, 1862.

I am truly delighted and thankful that my lot in life has not been cast in the mould of a Royal Commissioner or the form of a turnstile, for both these elaborate contrivances of the International Exhibition seem to be in great disfavor. Neither perform the work that was expected of them. The Commissioners, actuated by the best of motives, but governed by the silliest of ideas, are not only in their own way, but stumble over everyone else in the same century of blundering. They insist, with equal pertinacity, on certain trophies being erected, placards suspended, bell-boys, reserved, and hardly thrust out of sight; they issue orders which no one obeys, so impracticable fancy are they; and, in a word, by lack of business tact, by overbearing rudeness, and by absolutely unknown or purpose, they have left the sympathies of the public, the respect of the exhibitors and the favor of the Press. The uncertainty which still hangs over the completion of the Exhibition in date is the consequence (these gentlemen have contended, and with truth) they are superseded by some one who possesses urbanity, intelligence and firmness, order and quiet will not likely to prevail. As for the turnstiles, their contrivance is utterly indefensible. It will certainly be admitted that these obstinate machines have positively refused to record a larger attendance this year than that which greeted the opening days of the Exhibition of 1851. The Theodolite of Painting, however, attacked the machines for a series of [illegible] and were pitched into the tender, but without effect; the Royal Commissioners sent for the learned in such matters, but physicians were in vain; the machines showed a defect each day of two or three hundred, and there they were. And so, although everybody knows that they ought to be wrong, it is generally credited that they are right. The following comparative table shows the difference between the attendance now and in 1851—a difference that is justly chargeable to the bad policy of opening the show before it was in complete readiness for the public. It will be observed that the start, so far as season tickets were concerned, was better than at the old Crystal Palace, but here the advantage ceases:

	Season Tickets.	Paid.	Total.
First day	25,000	———	25,000
Second day	10,000	200	10,200
Third day	16,000	400	16,400
Fourth day—Sunday.			
Fifth day	14,000	5,400	19,400
Sixth day	14,000	6,000	20,000
Seventh day	14,000	7,400	21,400
Eighth day	14,000	8,073	22,073
Ninth day	14,000	7,700	21,700
	Season Tickets.	Paid.	Total.
First day	22,000	———	22,000
Second day	6,000	500	6,500
Third day	13,000	707	13,707
Fourth day—Sunday.			
Fifth day	11,000	2,674	13,674
Sixth day	7,000	4,189	11,189
Seventh day	5,000	3,600	8,600
Eighth day	7,201	3,947	11,200
Ninth day	5,514	3,577	9,091

The first five days, when the admission was reduced to 5s. instead, in 1851, the sum of £8,458; in 1862, £6,737. This is a great falling off, but it is necessary to add that the sale of season tickets is still brisk, notwithstanding that the price is much greater now than it was at the previous show, and that this circumstance accounts in some measure for so little money being taken at the door. The Commissioners have no doubt that the receipts will cover all the expenses.

The neighborhood of South Kensington has not yet condescended to notice the existence of the Great Exhibition. There are no side shows, no allurements for the cheap lounger, no temptations to induce him from the severe path of duty. The heavy stuccoed exhibition-place within the enclosure is environed generally with dull sulky grandeur, as if they had a vague suspicion that something was going on out of the dull way, but none of them have descended lowingly to the condition of pot-house as yet. The day is not far distant when they will do so, for with the coming visitors will come a different state of things; then we may expect the eleemosynary to be thronged with life, and the way of the contributors to be made gay with work-stalls. At present everything is admirably undecorous. There is nothing cordial in the surroundings of the show. A saint might walk down the Exhibition or Cromwell Roads without meeting anything more worldly than a policeman or a stray sixpence. Indeed, he might easily imagine he was going to church, so gravely do the respectable British walk to the main entrance, with their civil coinagings, like prayer-books, in their hands.

The French have undoubtedly discovered England. They have not penetrating to the heart of that mysterious land, corresponding to green and lovely valleys, and exhibiting the majestic mountains, where, with the aid of powerful glasses, they swoop the country from the fearful altitude of a couple of hundred feet. In 1851, it will be remembered, the English discovered the French, especially those parts of the Gallic character which were symbolized in white pantaloons, beards and distinctive hats. The recognition is now mutual. When the French have completed their course of the manners and customs of the Islanders a Balzac will, it is confidently expected, rank higher than ever. The most remarkable trait yet discovered in his natural history is the interesting one that his national dress not differ from day other man. A nobleman, it seems, was expected to possess an extensive set of teeth or a double backbone with an entirely novel scapula movement. He does not; he is no taller than the rest; he cannot be distinguished from a crowd of plebians; in fact, the whole nation is peculiarly alike. And so it is—or at least that part of the whole nation which is represented vicariously in the Great Exhibition. All the men dress alike; shave the same spot alike; wear boots of exactly the same shape, hats of precisely the same weight, (I have not been able to ascertain how many go to the hundred weight, but it can't be more than a dozen,) and are to be seen with an umbrella in one hand and an official catalogue in the other, stepping solemnly up to the muzzle of the big Armstrong gun, and peering into its murderous depths with a placid curiosity which I am quite sound not be greatly disturbed if the piece went to go off. This oneness of character, whilst it explains much of the self-reliant greatness of the nation, is singularly cold and repellent to a stranger accustomed to Continental or American variety of types.

Were it not for the English exhibitors who, in the *way of kindness, think it necessary to speak to people* and to break through the general taciturnity of their country men, no one would suppose that the Exhibition was in Britain. The only social language one hears is French; the only people who seem to take any interest in the world around them are the French. They it is who make themselves at home, and talk through the aisles with the airy confidence of owners, as if there was nothing on their side beyond a recent sacking of Buckingham Palace, and an immediate subjugation of the Anglo-Saxon race. So overpowering is the French element in the neighborhood and in the Exhibition, that it is only when I am in the British court, and see a courteous shopman exhibiting everything except the letter R, that I can fully realize the fact of being in London. The French invasion has come at last. All the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men can't get Jean Crapaud out again.

The French court is still in too incomplete a state to invite any lengthened examination of its special treasures. But the exquisite taste displayed in the arrangement of the goods is already conspicuous. No expense is spared in the erection of charming little fancies, which, by attracting intruders upon the attention serve the object contemplated by the exhibitor. The old proverb, that two of a trade can never agree, is entirely belied in this department, for the greatest good will seems to prevail among the various manufacturers—a trophy frequently containing the productions of a dozen or more of the same calling. There are no fewer than three thousand six hundred and twenty-one exhibitors, France ranking next to England in numerical importance. But it is Paris that engrosses France, and hence many important manufactures are entirely lost sight of; while in the English, and also in the German departments, the [illegible] industry is fully [illegible], in the French it is before the eye (the French manufacturer, not the French trade) on table, [illegible] and beneath the [illegible] of rich dresses and shawls. Nothing [illegible] equal concern of Louis Napoleon and the resurrection. Of manufactures purely utilitarian, there is scarcely an indication, unless the steel makers—whose name is legion—represent them. The great machinists have entirely neglected their opportunity, and hence one of the most thriving modern interests is overlooked, and will possibly be underrated by the spectator. Even the textile fabricants do not make the show that might reasonably have been expected of them. The English are much more conservative; they exhibit not only the products of their skilled labor, but the machinery by which it is accomplished, aiming, it would seem, to please the eye and instruct the understanding at the same time. Very little is to be learnt by gazing at results; the processes by which they are reached are much more valuable. The British exhibitor lays everything before the spectator; the French exhibitor keeps his secret, if he have one, and is content with the triumph of a dazzling display. In the matter of bronzes, blanks, paper hangings, interior decorations generally, furniture, tapestries, jewelry, (combining cheapness with elegance,) shawls and silks, they are as they have always been, predominant. But it is only justice to an improved order of things to state that the contrast difference between the best of France and the best of England no longer exists. Still, there is a charm about the French court and its luxurious display of elegant trifles which one looks for in vain elsewhere. The perfect taste which satisfies the eye without overbearing it is nowhere seen to greater perfection, and hence one turns lingeringly into this section of the great show, as the world into a friendly home for repose and quiet enjoyment. Individually, I should feel more at home there if there were not so many clocks, or if they could all be induced to go or stop together. The combination of a French clock that wants winding up, with a huge glass shade over it, is always harassing, and yet it seems nothing but fair that some one should undertake the fearful operation of winding it in another. The Mrs. Tee-ees are able to hold high festival in this and many of the other continental sections, for all the goods are ticketed with their prices, and by talking to the assistants one is able almost to give as much trouble as if one didn't want to buy something. In the English departments the exhibitors are very chary of affixing the prices to their goods, seemingly in apprehension of the more moderate demands of their neighbors.

Among the many aristocratic visitors to the Exhibition must be numbered the Japanese Commissioners, Ambassadors, or whatsoever is their official title. Eight in number, these distinguished gentlemen march in pairs, like a boarding-school, and seem to ignore humanity as a necessary preparation to the due appreciation of the still life in which they feel much more interest. From the conjunctures of the notes which they take I should suspect them of being special correspondents for some Japanese paper, were it not for the two swords that—notwithstanding their resemblance to brief pump-handles—indicate their rank. All the women say they look good-natured, but I have been unable to detect anything more in their high-boned, brutal faces than smooth, simpering, concealed cunning. They are, at all events, the lions of the moment, and Mayfair reeks with their presence. In the Exhibition they march about from place to place, without seeming to see the curious crowd that follows at their heels. They hold a sort of inquest on everything that is novel, and think as little of boring a man's patent as they would of cutting a poor sailor's throat who happened to be wrecked on their inhospitable shore. It is a comfort to me to know that the greasy savages have failed to make an impression on the bootblacks. The other day, as they were proceeding along the Cromwell road toward the main entrance, one of the "brigade" saw them, and instantly conceived a befitting reception for the distinguished strangers. He, the bootblack, was not more than twenty yards in front of them, the Ambassadors, and the pavement was clear, so quickly did the average public fall back at sight of the misgivings variety. By a happy inspiration my youthful friend made himself the leading member of the procession. He thrust his brushes into the bosom of his red shirt to indicate that he also had two weapons, and placed his bootblacking pedestal on the top of his head, where it was at least as elegant as the Japanese lacquer coverings, and indicatively resembled them. Thus accoutred and with his mouth on a broad grin he shuffled along precisely in the manner of the Orientals, and, as I should suppose, to their no small annoyance. Fortunately a policeman came in sight at this moment, and exercised a fatal effect on the jocularity of the youngster, who, in view of the calamity, immediately proceeded to perform the act of hari-kiri by inflicting repeated and fearful gashes across his abdomen with the brushes, and then (having placed his hands on the wounded spot) scuttling off with a howl of agony, like the late Mr. Bunsen when in the vicissitudes of dramatic life he had been compelled to swallow an inordinate quantity of physic, which he felt did not agree with him. I need scarcely add that the reviler of the Japanese had recovered sufficiently at the first street corner to turn three successful summersaults on the top of his box, and present the Ambassadors with what is technically called "a sight."

G. R. S.

Gen. Butler and the "Ladies."

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I am glad to see you take so sensible a view of Gen. Butler's recent order respecting the women—not ladies—of New-Orleans. However indecorous or unfeminine the behavior of the offenders may have been, he certainly did not betray his usual acuteness in promulgating such an order—*at any rate, in such terms as he did. He has thereby laid himself open to* what is evidently nothing but a foolish misconstruction, and raised a few vulgar women—for none but vulgar women can so demean themselves in the public streets—into martyrs and heroines.

Having reason to know something of the weakness of my own sex, had Gen. Butler previously consulted me, I would have given him a few hints that would have brought the wayward lasses of New-Orleans much sooner to their senses than anything he has yet devised.

1. I would make the following the standing order among all the Union troops, whenever assaulted by a fiery female Secessionist:

"Should she upbraid, you'll say that she prevail,
And sings as sweetly as the nightingale;
Should she insult, you'll say her lips you view,
As morning roses freshly steeped in dew."

2. I would provide all *handsome* young soldiers with blinkers, like horses, to prevent them from exchanging glances with the girls, *en passant*. I know the excessive cruelty of such a measure, but, really, the girls deserve it.

3. Each soldier should carry on each arm a looking-glass, to enable contemptuous ladies to enjoy the beauty of their own little upturned noses.

4. *Should a soldier be literally spat upon, let him* not remove the precious venom, but triumphantly publish it by a placard saying: "From the sweet lips of one of Louisiana's daughters." These will soon become badges of honor, by proving that the recipient was especially attractive to some fair maid of New-Orleans.

5. Whenever two or more soldiers are walking together, and see angry-looking ladies approaching, let them commence saying aloud to each other: "What Heavenly beings!" "What exquisite voices!" "How much prettier than our Northern girls!" &c.

6. Let every handsome young soldier have placarded conspicuously on his back: "Wanted, a wife; none but sweet Louisiana need apply."

If these very severe measures should fail, which is quite impossible—for the women of New-Orleans are human beings—Gen. Butler should at once prohibit the sale of hoop-skirts and sugar-loaf bonnets, under penalty of incarceration in Fort Jackson; and as to rouge, pearlash, arsenic, false hair, false teeth, and other similar feminine beautifiers, let the penalty for selling them be terrible. It should be nothing less than enlistment in the rebel army.

Only let Gen. Butler try one or all of these measures, and I venture to say, Sir, that we shall soon see all the pretty girls of Louisiana vying to array themselves in the very hostile garb—and the vanity both flattered of being sent away to make murderous cadets for Beauregard, *will have enough to do in ringing out* merry marriage peals for the Union between the sweet maidens of New-Orleans and their "rebel" lovers.

Yours, respectfully, AMANDA.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, May 31, 1862.

—Parson Brownlow is making the tour of New-England, and has already engagements as far ahead as June 9. He gave the shoe dealers of Boston one of his plain talks on Wednesday last.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS IN FRANCE.

Report on the News of the Fall of New-Orleans—A Comparison with 1815—A French View of Cotton-Burning—The Slavery Question, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, May 16, 1862.

Nothing which has occurred since the commencement of the war has made such an impression on the French as the fall of New-Orleans. No blow which has been struck has served so effectually in removing the illusion that the South possessed all the military genius of the country. In France people in general know but two great towns in America—New-York and New-Orleans—and they know that New-Orleans is the greatest city of the South. Moreover, it is an old French town, the Capital of an old French colony, and the social and commercial relations between it and France are almost as intimate as if still a dependency of France. Any shock at New-Orleans, therefore, is sure to produce a corresponding vibration throughout France. They know, as well as Americans themselves, the value of this point to the rebellious South; they had been told, but did not require to be told in order to believe, that the preparations for the defence of the city had been made on a scale of magnitude in proportion to the value of the prize they protected. Wherever they met a Secessionist, or whenever they took into their hands a secession journal, they were sure of that New-Orleans was impregnable, until they had got to look upon Butler's scheme as a mad one. You may judge, therefore, of their surprise when they heard that New-Orleans had been taken, without the loss of a single life! You may judge what a blow was struck at the military prestige of the South. And, as if to give the event greater relief, the *Moniteur* of yesterday published a detailed account of the Battle of New-Orleans in 1815, in which an inferior force of raw American militia nearly destroyed the regular army of Pakenham, with a loss, so small on the American side as to be absolutely insignificant. It is true, the Secessionists now pretend that their boasting in regard to the defences of New-Orleans was a ruse, intended to keep away the Union army as long as possible, because they knew that the peculiar location of the city would not permit of a serious resistance. But whether this be true or false, they will have difficulty in finding credence for such a hypothesis.

In regard to the cotton burnt at New-Orleans by Gen. Lovell, the *Journal des Débats* says: "In France we have journals which make it a business to excite the suffering populations of Europe against the North, by trying to throw on it the responsibility of the lack of work. But, workmen of Lancashire and Lyons! if you are out of work, you will know hereafter who to hold to account for your sufferings; you will know on which side are the cotton-burners!"

The *Patrie*, which has modified considerably its tone on the military superiority and invulnerability of the South, makes the following observation on the general subject: "When, in 1803, Napoleon ceded Louisiana to the United States, he certainly had a foresight of the vast disruption which is going on to-day. His astonishing genius foresaw that the American Union, precisely on account of the divisions of which he already discovered the germs, could never be but a State of the second order, without real danger for the States of Europe." Thus the *Patrie* compels even the great Napoleon to parade himself before the world in the lugubrious category of the "I-told-you-so's." It sicked but this to complete the list of birds of evil omen.

The *Pays* admits that the fall of New-Orleans is an immense blow to the cause of the Confederates, but consoles itself with the reiteration of the standing motto of the Secessionists, that they may be whipped but not conquered, and that the South may become a second Vendée, with the United States for its Austria, but that, sooner or later, their independence will be gained. So often and so persistently is this line of argument followed by the Secessionist papers of Paris and London, that we are inclined to attribute to this one fact as much of that pernicious moral influence in widening the breach between the two sections as would have been caused by a recognition of the Confederacy. We hear from day to day words and arguments, from Southern people, which we know to have been put in their mouths by the Secessionist Press of London and Paris, and we have seen the lukewarm in secession grow furious in the cause under the pertinious suggestions of the foreign Press. We have seen Southern men who would revolt at the idea of marching against Washington side by side with a "red-coat," yet go marching about with a whole arsenal of arguments against his country furnished him by these same foreigners. It is here on foreign and neutral soil that we see the most pitiable features of the great rebellion. We repeat that the influence of the Imperial Press of England and France has been most pernicious and most powerful in the production of that moral disruption of the Union which now unhappily exists, and we are often disposed to regret that the Government at Washington has not thought proper to counteract these pernicious foreign influences by more frequently putting before the world official declarations of its position and intentions. It may be said undoubtedly that the march of a victorious army is the best moral argument in the hands of the Government, but unfortunately such a start has been gained here on the other side that there is danger that no after evidence will convince the foreign public *that the South is not another Vendée.*

An article of the New-York *Herald* has had the honor of a lengthy telegraphic notice in Europe, because it happened to meet the views of the secession sympathizer who makes up the European dispatches on the Cunard steamers. In this article it was said that M. Mason went to Richmond to see whether, in compensation for the recognition of the Confederacy, the latter would not join France in enabling her to take and hold Mexico as a French Province. Here, where the absurdity of the *Herald's* invention is not so well understand as at home, such an article does the cause of the Union great harm.

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The *Moniteur* publishes a handsome notice of the visit of Mr. Lincoln to the French frigate *Gassendi*, lying at Washington.

The arrest of French naval officers under a flag of truce, by the Confederates at New-Orleans, is also noticed by the French papers. The enemy suggests, however, that the French officers were sympathizers with the French regiments in rebellion, and that they stayed all night in the fort voluntarily, in order to enjoy the hospitality of their friends.

The King and Queen of Holland, after a brilliant review of Dutch in their honor, have left Paris, the *King for Holland, and the Queen for a visit to her* father, the King of Wurtemberg, at Stuttgardt.

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LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

NEW-YORK YACHT CLUB.

Regatta for 1862—The Entries Thus far—The Rules, etc.

The Annual Regatta of the Club will come off on Thursday morning, the 5th of June, at 10½ o'clock. There will be a prize valued at $125 for each class of yachts. The chance will be allowed time for measurement, as follows: The first class, one second per square foot; the second class, one and thirty-five hundredths seconds per square foot; the third class, one and seven-tenths seconds per square foot. This allowance shall be based upon the product of the multiplication of the extreme length, on or under the water-line, from fore side of stem to aft side of stern-post, by the extreme breadth, wherever found—both measures to be in feet and decimals.

The courses marked out for the sailing, are as follows:

A flagboat will be anchored abreast of the Club House, at Hoboken, on the east side of which the sloops will anchor, head to wind, in the following order of position, commencing from the stake-boat with those of the least areas: The third class, abreast of said stake-boat, eighty yards apart, on a line due east; the second class, ninety yards apart, on a line parallel with the same, two hundred yards to the north; and the first class, one hundred yards apart, on a similar line, two hundred yards to the north of the latter. The schooners will anchor to the eastward of the third, second and first class lines, in the same order.

Yachts may have their mainsails, or foresails and mainsails, according to their rig, hoisted, and gaff-topsail set, the Committee reserving the discretionary power, however, of ordering all sails to be lowered before starting, or of adopting any other preparation for starting they may deem proper, should the weather or circumstances render a change necessary.

The yachts will pass to the north and west of a flagboat stationed off Revin's Reef Light; thence easterly to a flagboat stationed off Owl's Head, Long Island, passing it to the north and east; thence around the buoy of the Southwest Spit, passing it from the north and east. Returning, they will first pass the flagboat anchored off Owl's Head, Long Island, passing it to the south and east; thence to the flagboat off Robin's Reef Light, passing it to the south and west; thence to a flagboat off Governor's Island, passing it to the south and east; thence to the flagboat abreast of the Club House, Hoboken, passing it to the westward. In going and returning, all the buoys on the west bank, viz., Nos. 11, 13 and 15, are to be passed to the eastward.

The members of the Club are compelled to observe the subjoined rules:

A statement, containing the name of each yacht, and the name of the owner or owners, (all of whom must be members of the club,) the rig, dimensions and tonnage, as computed by the Measurer, in accordance with the laws of the United States, shall be filed with the Secretary before such yacht can be entered for a regatta.

A true model of each yacht shall be deposited with the Secretary before she can enter for any regatta.

Owners of yachts, proposing to enter for any regatta, shall give notice in writing to the Measurer, specifying the time and place when and where the yachts may be measured, such time to be not less than twenty-four hours after the delivery of such notice, and during the ten days next preceding the limited time for entry, and such place some convenient part of the *New-York* harbor.

Upon said measurement the Measurer shall receive such reasonable aid as he may require from the crew of the yacht measured.

No other than fore and aft sails shall be set on a yacht while contending for a prize.

No member shall be interested in more than one yacht entered for any regatta.

Yachts allowed to carry men as follows:

First class, one to every four tons of her measurement. Second class, one to every three and a half tons. Third class, one to every three tons.

Every yacht, under fifty tons, shall carry (during a regatta, a serviceable boat, not less than ten feet in length; and yachts, over fifty tons, shall carry one not less than twelve feet in length.

Entries will be received until Tuesday, June 4, at 10½ o'clock A. M., at the office of the Secretary of the Club, No. 3 Pine-street.

Owners of yachts entered for the regatta are required to have them at the anchorage, abreast of the Club-house, by 8 A. M. on the day of the regatta; and the Committee may exclude any yacht from competing for a prize that is not at the anchorage at the time designated.

All yachts will wear their owner's signal at their peak, and also upon their mainsail a number, which will be furnished by the Regatta Committee.

Messrs. Chas. H. Haswell, Fletcher Westray and John T. Relyea, compose the Regatta Committee.

The subjoined are the entrance of yachts for the *Annual Regatta, up to Saturday morning.*

Sloop—Third class—containing yachts measuring 800 square feet, and under that area. Allowance of time—one and seven-tenths seconds per square foot:

No.	Name.	Entered by.	Tonnage.	No. men allowed to carry.	Area on L. W. L.
1.	Nautilus	F. M. Nimino	26.8	9	648.0
2.	Glengary	G. Macalester, Jr.	29	8	641.2
3.	Lapwing	J. E. Hawkins	29	8	618.8

Sloops—Second class—measuring 900 square feet and under 1,200. Allowance of time—one and

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

MONDAY, June 2—A. M.

Financial affairs in Wall-street and on the Stock Exchange were unsettled through the early part of last week, first, by the development of the Indiana State transfer fraud, and secondly, by the slight and urgent orders of the War Department for fresh troops, in consequence of the regular and retreat of Gen. BANKS from the Shenandoah Valley. Both causes of distrust materially weakened, for a few days, nearly all speculation for the rise in the Stock Market, and the affair of the War Department even checked investments as well as speculative purchases in United States Securities. But this needless alarm soon passed over, and with the continued increase of Money at Bank, and further heavy receipts of United States Notes for disbursement from the Sub-Treasury, a renewed demand sprung up for all Government Stocks, and Treasury Bonds and Certificates, advancing prices rapidly to nearly the highest points of the season. Some of the Banks themselves resorted to the purchase of Treasury paper by way of employing their heavy deposit balances, which have gone up of late in the following progression:

Saturday, April 19	$95,698,000
Saturday, April 26	109,623,000
Saturday, May 3	100,331,000
Saturday, May 10	116,400,000
Saturday, May 17	121,402,000
Saturday, May 24	122,198,000
Saturday, May 31	125,422,000

The ordinary or mercantile discounts at Bank were lower by $700,000 or $800,000 on Saturday than at the close of the previous week, while the stock of Specie, notwithstanding the shipment of $515,000 to Europe, stood $31,417,000 as against $30,957,000 on Saturday week. The rates of Money have not changed, at call, to the Brokers, but rather lower terms than have yet been quoted were accepted on prime Merchant paper 60 days to 6 months, owing to the scarcity of really good selections. Exchange was stiffened early in the week to 115 ⅌ cent. on London, by the firm appearance of the market for Gold, but as this was discovered to have grown more out of the disposition of certain *short* sellers of Gold to close up their contracts, than to any increased demand for export, the rate on London returned to 114¼@114¾ ⅌ cent., and Gold to 103¼@103¾ ⅌ cent., and both barely steady on Saturday, while the Stock Exchange and General Money Market had in a great measure recovered their confidence, and the demand on the former its buoyancy. The Indiana fraud has almost ceased to influence the Railway Share list, which was at first so seriously shaken by it, although no *Bull* combination appears to be at work to sustain it any more than the Government list. The Army news on Saturday, of course, materially helped the demand, and no point in the telegraphic advices afforded more genuine satisfaction than the recovery of part of the lost ground in the Shenandoah Valley.

The import trade of the week shows a moderate gain on the movement of last season, chiefly on the General Merchandise list, which embraces a large amount of Sugar, Coffee and Tea. As these staples all pay a liberal duty to the Government, the Customs for May, at this port alone, reach $4,716,000, to which about a million may be added for other ports. The Export Clearances of the week are on a fair scale in value, while in the bulk of Breadstuffs they nearly equal the large movements of last season. The Export of Specie closely corresponds with the difference between the ordinary Import and Export lists of the week. The movement thus far appears to make no impression on the stock of Gold in Bank. To-day the State of New-York will pay off $900,000 of the principal of the State Debt, in Gold, through the Manhattan Company.

The Import entries of the past week, including the Dry Goods table in Saturday's paper, are $9,236,702, against $2,831,947 same week last year. On the other hand, the clearances of Domestic Produce are $2,068,460, against $3,622,591 same week in April, 1861. The Exports of Specie amount to $815,000.

According to the monthly summary of the Foreign Trade at this port, which we published a few days since, for ten months of the current fiscal year, the Import entries of Foreign Merchandise (exclusive of Bullion,) from July, 1861, to April 30, amounted to $166,484,000
Add five weeks since May 1 16,281,061
Total entries since July 1 ..... $182,765,061
To same date last year 185,008,023
Decrease since July 1 ..... $62,242,962

The same tables make the Exports of Domestic Produce and Manufactures, from New-York, from July 1 to April 30 ..... $[illegible]
Add five weeks since May 1 ..... [illegible]
Total ..... $[illegible]
Same period last year $114,814,543
Decrease ..... $[illegible]
The same tables make the Export of Specie from July 1 to April 30 ..... $[illegible]
Add five weeks since May 1 4,076,000
Total since July 1 ..... $18,606,000
Against same date, 1861 22,007,000
Decrease $4,501,000

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

New 6 ⅌ cent. stock of U. S. of 1862	102¾@106¼
New-York Central	87¾@88
New-York and Erie	[illegible]
Erie Preferred Shares	63¾@64¾
Rock Island	61¾@62
Michigan Guaranteed	[illegible]
Michigan Southern	[illegible]
Michigan Central	60¾@60¾
Toledo	[illegible]
Galena	[illegible]
Illinois Central	[illegible]
Pacific Mail	113¾@115¾
Missouri	[illegible]
Tennessee	[illegible]
Hudson River	49¾@51¾
Harlem Preferred	[illegible]
Cleveland and Pittsburgh	[illegible]

The Stock Market closed on Saturday afternoon generally higher than the week before, when the effect of the Indiana fraud had already reduced prices 1@2 ⅌ cent. Lower figures were made on Monday and Tuesday on the adverse War news and the continued discussion in the Board of Brokers of the fraud referred to. But from and after Wednesday the market turned upward, first on the Government Stock of 1861 and 7.30 ⅌ cent. Treasury Bonds, and subsequently on the Railroads, which had been sold freely both for *Bull* and *Bear* account on both the causes agitating the Street. The recovery on Friday and Saturday, particularly the last day, was unusually rapid, the *Bear* operators having, apparently, discovered that they had sold Central, Erie and some of the Western Shares too freely for the supply of cash *stock coming on the market. The sales of New-York* Central, by actual holders, throughout the depression, were *comparatively moderate*, owing to the dividend-paying credit of the stock, while the sales of Erie were pressed below the point at which buyers could come in with profit on the later London quotations. Both Stocks, consequently recovered with much ease, even in the absence of fresh combinations for the rise. The effect of the depression on City Bank Stocks and on the Railway mortgages was not very marked, at any time, and they left off on Saturday about as high, on the average, as the week before.

The last bids for the City Bank Stocks were as follows:

New-York	100¼	Metropolitan	103¾
Manhattan	135	Peoples'	67
Union	100	Shoe and Leather	100
America	110	Corn Exchange	[illegible]
Tradesmen's	95¼	Continental	[illegible]
Greenwich	135	St. Nicholas	90
National	98	Importers	103
Merchants' Exch	93	Commonwealth	80
Leather Manufr'r	120	New-York County	90
State of New-York	91¾	Importers' & Traders'	99
Commerce	95¾	Park	104
Pacific	118	Mechanics' and Merch's	67
Chatham	90		

And for the Railway Mortgages as follows:

N. Y. C. sixes	100¼	N. Ind. Goshen line, '82	90¾
N. Y. C. sixes real estate	94	M. So. & N. Ia. s. f. 1 ⅌ c.	97¾
N. Y. C. 6 ⅌ cent subscription	94	Ill. Cen. 7 ⅌ c. '75	94
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '83	102	T. H. & Alton first	107
N. Y. Cen. sevens, '76	105	T. H. & Alton seconds	90
N. Y. Cen. 6 ⅌ cent. '76	105	Chi. & N. W. s. f.	96
Erie first, '82	109	Chi. & N. W. first	89¾
Erie seconds, '84	103	Chi. & N. W. first Am.	48
Erie seconds, '79	104	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds.	70
Erie thirds, '90	96¾	Han. & St. Jos. first	84¾
Erie fifths, '96	87	Del. Lack. & W. first	102
Buf., N. Y. & Erie first	98	Del. Lack. & W. fourths	93¾
Hudson first, '78	96	Tol. & Wabash first	69
Hudson cons. '87	86	Tol. & Wabash seconds	64
Harlem first, '69-'73	102¾	Tol. & Wab. In. Bds.	60
Harlem seconds, '65	93¾	Ill. & P. DuChien firsts	95
Harlem thirds, '63	85¾	Gal. & Chicago firsts	101¾
Mich. Cen. 8 ⅌ c. '68-'72	104	Gal. & Chi. seconds	100
Mich. Cen. 6 ⅌ c. '62	105	Chi. & Rk. I. firsts	105
Chi., B. & Q. 8 ⅌ c. 1863	100	Clev. & Tol. s. f.	95
Mich. So. 7 ⅌ c. firsts	99¾	N. J. Cen. firsts	105
Mich. So. 7 ⅌ c. sec's	81¾	N. Jer. Cen. seconds	103
N. Ind. firsts	100		

The business on Saturday at the office of the Assistant Treasurer United States was as follows: Total receipts, $646,624 41, including for customs $143,354 68; payments, $769,977 49; balance, $16,340,899 50.

The following is the May business of the Office of the Assistant Treasurer United States, New-York:

May 1, 1862, by balance		$97,210 08
Receipts during the month:		
Account of Customs	$4,716,354 68	
Account of Patent Fees	5,460 10	
Account of Post-office Department	358,583 60	
Account of Loans	17,055,767 94	
Account Miscellaneous and Transfers	10,267,849 42—	$32,403,025 74
Total		$32,558,036 50
Payments:		
Debit Balance	$699,803 23	
Treasury Drafts	26,609,997 39	
Post-office Drafts	346,201 11—	$28,116,161 02
May 31, 1862, balance		$3,436,054 77
By Balance, Cr., Disbursing Accounts	$12,781,244 81	
By receipts during the month	25,877,664 50—	$38,658,909 31
To Payments		26,465,947 52
Balance		$12,192,961 79
By Balance Cr., Interest Accounts		$565,194 68
To Payments		25,614 88
Balance		$549,579 80
By Receipts for Customs in May, 1862		$4,716,354 68
By Receipts for Customs in May, 1861		767,943 20
Increase in May, 1862		$3,948,411 48
By Balance Cr., Bullion and Expense Account for Assay Office		$97,897 15
By Coin received during the Month	$62,667 80	
By Fine Bars do	76,749 94—	139,317 74
Total		$237,214 89
To Payments in Coin	$61,200 56	
To Payments in Fine Bars	61,476 08—	122,685 64
Balance		$74,529 25
By Funds in hand, in Assistant Treasurer's Office	$15,112,496 26	
By Coin in hand, in Assay Office	64,927 60—	$15,177,423 86
By Fine Bars do	6,591 65	
By Unparted Bullion at Assay Office	202,512 60	
By Bullion at the Mint for Coinage	9,072 34—	$221,177 60
Total		$15,398,611 85
Less due Depositors		27,712 35
Balance		$15,340,899 50

Statement of the business at the United States Assay Office at New-York, for the month ending May 31, 1862:

Deposits of Gold.

Foreign Coins	$19,000
Foreign Bullion	18,000
United States Bullion	54,000— $92,000

Deposits of Silver, including Purchases.

Foreign Coins	$3,500
Foreign Bullion	6,000
United States Bullion, (contained in Gold)	1,800
Washoe	1,700
Lake Superior	3,000
Total deposits, payable in Bars	$1,000— $22,000
Total deposits, payable in Coins	$7,000— $108,000
Gold Bars stamped	$125,487
Transmitted to United States Mint, Philadelphia, for coinage	$71,322

The Canadian Parliament propose to amalgamate the interests of the great Provincial Railways—the Grand Trunk and Great Western. The first is already bankrupt, and the last of very moderate profit to its shareholders. The bill for consolidation is an extraordinary specimen of legislation, and if carried out in its present shape will be an example of bad faith which one would scarcely look for from an English source, considering the high standard of financial morals by which our London namesake is in the habit of judging everything of the sort on *this* side the line. But the Act cannot take effect without the approval of the Crown, and of course the Government at home—unless ready to set up a new standard of Railway faith—will see to it that no such provisions as the following are permitted to [illegible] conditions of both roads, where no minority [illegible] their security either. We quote from the [illegible] Sections 1:

1. The property and assets of the united company shall not be in any manner liable for the debts or [illegible] of any or either of the uniting companies;

2. The railway and property of each uniting company at the time of the union, (other than debts or claims in action or riversold,) shall belong to and be vested in the united company and shall not be made [illegible] mortgaged, distrained, sequestrated, or in any manner hypothecated, for the debts or liabilities of the company to which the same may have belonged before the union;

4. The agreement which shall be made under the first cited Act for the union of the companies, shall provide for and state the share or proportion of the net profits of the united company which shall belong to each uniting company, and such share shall be liable for any debt or liability of the uniting company to which it belonged before such union;

5. The united company shall have the power to apply the net profits belonging to any or either of the uniting companies; to the payment of any separate debts or liabilities of such uniting company; and in case of a judgment or decree obtained against the united company for or on account of any such separate debt or liability, such judgment or decree shall only be enforceable against the net profits of the company owing or liable for the same, in the hands of the united company; *Provided*, that this limitation of liability shall have no effect unless it be assented to by three-fourths in value of the bondholders and creditors of the United States Railway Company, and by three-fourths in value of the bondholders of the other company or companies, attending in person or by proxy at meetings of the said bondholders and creditors respectively, to be called in England and Canada by the Directors of the company concerned, in the manner in which general meetings of the creditors of such company are called, such meeting being held before the agreement for the union of such company with the other or others, shall be submitted by such Directors to the shareholders for ratification.

The idea that three-fourths, or any other proportion of creditors, can vote away the rights of the remaining creditors, may perhaps be thoroughly English, but it will strike the American reader as more than questionable, unless indeed it be an admitted case of bankruptcy, which this is not, as the act proposes to borrow more money on the lines *after* consolidation. On the ground that Parliament is omnipotent, such a statute may be passed, but in the United States the constitutional *restriction would come in as against such legislation.* The clauses referred to, we notice, have *called out warm criticism in Canada*, and we shall not be deemed singular, therefore, in calling attention to them. It was very different with New-York legislation when the roads now comprising the New-York Central were consolidated although several of them were new and considerably in debt.

The Chicago *Tribune*, of Friday, reports:

"Money continues very abundant; and many, perhaps most of the large banks, are glad to make loans with the right kind of collateralsin on terms considerably below the legal rates of interest. We were told by bankers to-day that best paper, payable in New-York, would not be rejected or allowed to go away if only 6 ⅌ cent. could be obtained. We presume very considerable discounts could be obtained at 7@8 ⅌ cent. Of course bankers would very much prefer even 6 ⅌ cent. to the perfect idleness in which they have been forced to leave a very large amount of their capital. We again suggest the fostering of our manufacturing interests as one of the best and most profitable ways to employ a large part of our surplus capital.

In New-York exchange we find nothing new to notice. Bankers pay par@¼, and the current selling price is ⅛ ⅌ cent. premium. Leading houses make concessions of a fraction to best customers.

Gold is not quite so firm, and sellers are more plenty. The rates are, however, nearly the same, viz.: buying, 3@3¼; selling, 3¼@¾ ⅌ cent. premium. Transactions limited.

The Illinois Central Railroad Company, in anticipation of an increased demand for its farming lands on the part of immigrants and our citizens of foreign birth, have established a *foreign land department*. It is the intention of the Company, by this department, not only to effect the sale of its vast quantity of excellent lands, but also to agitate in Europe and at the East, the subject of immigration to our State generally.

The brick building on the corner of Lake-street and Michigan-avenue will be exclusively occupied by the new department, and Lieut.-Gov. HOFFMAN has been appointed Commissioner thereof."

The return from the Bank of England for the week ending the 14th of May, gives the following results when compared with the previous week:

Rest	£2,123,473	Increase 120,448
Public deposits	6,348,383	Decrease 1,129,108
Other deposits	14,948,308	Increase 1,061,633
Government securities	10,231,268	Decrease 661,609
Other securities	18,647,729	Increase 1,014,633
Notes unemployed	6,809,590	Decrease 186,633

The amount of notes in circulation is £20,687,765, being a decrease of £160,625; and the stock of bullion in both departments is £16,919,147, showing a decrease of £346,598, when compared with the preceding return.

The London *Times* makes, upon this return:

"The diminution of £346,598, shown in the Bank bullion in this week's return, is attributable to the withdrawal of sovereigns for Constantinople and Spain—the former on account of the Turkish loan—and also to a little demand for Scotland, while the decline of about a million in the Government balances on the one hand, and in the Government Securities on the other, is believed to be simply owing to some formal adjustment of accounts between the Treasury and the Bank. In the course of the afternoon an unfavorable movement took place in the French rate of Exchange, bills being in active demand, but the impression is that it was caused solely by temporary requirements on the Paris Bourse."

The later news by the *City of New-York* announces the advance of the Bank rate of interest to 3 ⅌ cent.

The following table of American Stocks in London is only to the afternoon of May 16. Higher figures have since been reported by telegraph. There was considerable activity in the market:

American Railways, &c.	Closing Prices.	Bullion.
Maryland 6 ⅌ cent.	79 @ 81	
United States 5 ⅌ cent., red. 1874	79 @ 81	60
Virginia State 6 ⅌ cent.	53 @ 55	54⅛
Atlantic & Gt. Western, N. Y. sec., 1st Mortgage, 1860 ⅌ cent.	69 @ 71	70 69⅛ 9
Erie shares, $10 (all paid)	23¾ @ 24¼	23¾ & 9¾
Do. 7 ⅌ cent. Preference	54 @ 56	
Do. Assessment Scrip	1¾ @ 2	
Do. 1st Mtg. 7 ⅌ cent., 1867	20 @ 22	
Do. 2d Mtg. 7 ⅌ cent., 1869	18 @ 20	
Do. 3d M. 7 ⅌ cent., 1883	66 @ 68	68 8
Do. 4th M. 7 ⅌ cent.	75 @ 77	75
Do. 5th M. 7 ⅌ cent.	74 @ 76	
Illinois Cen. 6 ⅌ cent., red. 1875	74 @ 76	74⅞
Do. 7 ⅌ cent., red. 1875	78 @ 80	78¾ 8 9
Do. $100 shares, $20 paid	45 @ 44dis.	44¾ dis.
Do. $100 shares, all paid	53 @ 55	54 3/8 4/8
Mich. Cen., Com. 1869, 6 ⅌ c.	84 @ 86	
Do. S. F. 1st M. '82	87 @ 89	89
Mich. S. & N. Ind. S. F. '82	73 @ 76	
Do. $100 shares	19 @ 21	
New-York Central 6 ⅌ cent. S. F., 1883	83 @ 84	83
Do. 7 ⅌ cent., 1864	89 @ 91	
Do. 7 ⅌ cent. S. F., 1876	89 @ 91	
Do. 7 ⅌ cent. c. b., 1876	89 @ 91	
Do. $100 shares	74 @ 76	75
Panama Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 ⅌ cent., 1869	99 @101	
Do. 2d Mortgage 7 ⅌ cent., '75	99 @101	
Pennsylvania Central Eds., 1st m. 6 ⅌ cent. coupon	27 @ 29	
Do. 2d Mort. 6 ⅌ cent.	25 @ 27	
Do. $50 shares	41 @ 43	
Philadelphia & Reading $50 shs.	19 @ 22	

Trade of Great Britain in 1861.

The following table, extracted from the proceedings of the *Journal of the London Statistical Society*, for March, 1862, will be interesting to our readers, as showing the relative importance of this country to England in a commercial point of view:

	Imports from.	Exports to.
Northern Europe	£10,920,000	£8,914,000
Central Europe	10,628,000	16,615,000
Western Europe	18,029,000	10,681,000
Southern Europe	2,000,000	4,667,000
Levant	6,498,000	4,371,000
Northern Africa	627,000	124,000
Western Africa	1,604,000	615,000
Eastern Africa	3,000	28,000
Indian Seas	867,000	1,800,000
South Sea Islands		93,000
China	6,873,000	4,107,000
United States of America	49,831,000	9,020,000
Mexico and Cen. America	477,000	847,000
West Indies	2,576,000	1,772,000
South America (Northern)	423,000	1,105,000
South America (Pacific)	4,130,000	1,230,000
South America (Atlantic)	3,345,000	6,621,000
Whale Fisheries	19,000	6,000
Total	£121,774,000	£94,958,000
British Possessions	39,189,000	28,937,000
Grand Total	£160,963,000	£93,795,000

THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY.—Who have created enthusiasm in New-England, received applause in New-York, and been prohibited from singing in the Army of the Potomac, will give, to-morrow night, a concert for the benefit of children of disabled or deceased soldiers, at the Mercer-street Baptist Church.

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.—Nos. 1, 2, [illegible] 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1087, 1088, 1089, 1090, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118, 1119, 1120, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131,

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Amusements this Evening.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM—Grand Baby Show—Gen. Tom Thumb, the Giant Nun—Living Whale, &c., at all hours—Grand Performances at 2 and 7½ o'clock.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN, No. 663 Broadway—Exhibition of Paintings.

THE WONDERS OF THE WORLD—No. 539 Broadway.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE REBELLION.

The news from the Army of the Potomac, this morning, is of the most intensely exciting and important character. Another great battle has been fought, and another great victory has been won. According to the first brief telegram from Gen. McClellan, dated at noon yesterday, on the morning of the 31st, the enemy made an attack upon the right of our lines at 1 o'clock P. M., on Saturday, in the midst of a terrible storm, which had flooded the whole valley of the Chickahominy. Gen. Casey's Division, which was in the first line, gave way before the enemy, "unaccountably and shamefully," as Gen. McClellan states. Temporary confusion was thus caused, during which some of our guns and baggage were lost; but the enemy were checked in a handsome manner by Gens. Heintzelman and Keyes, and held in hand until, by great exertion, the divisions of Gens. Sumner and Richardson were brought across the river, when the enemy was driven back at the point of the bayonet, leaving the ground covered with his dead. This ended the conflict on Saturday. Yesterday morning the enemy attempted to renew it, but was everywhere repulsed. Many prisoners were captured by us, including Gen. Pettigrew, of South Carolina, and Col. Allen. Our losses in killed and wounded are heavy, but nothing to compare with those of the enemy, which Gen. McClellan says, must be enormous. During the progress of the fighting, several bayonet charges were made—two by the Second Excelsior Regiment, yesterday. We may now expect the speedy evacuation of Richmond.

Telegraphic communication between Fortress Monroe and Gen. McClellan's headquarters was interrupted on Saturday by a violent thunderstorm. In the vicinity of Fortress Monroe it was very violent, and a building on the road to Camp Hamilton, occupied by the Engineer Department, was struck by lightning and destroyed. The steamer Ariel arrived at the Fortress on Saturday morning from White House, with a number of rebel prisoners captured by Gen. Stoneman at Hanover Court-House. They number 345, and will soon arrive at this port on board the steamer *Star of the South*.

The rebels in the Valley of the Shenandoah are being pursued, so far as it is possible to do so. From Royal, the scene of the defeat of Col. Kenly and his brave First Maryland Regiment, has been recaptured, apparently with as much facility to the rebels as was suffered by us. A brigade of our troops, preceded by four companies of the Rhode Island Cavalry, entered the place on Friday morning and drove out the enemy, consisting of the Eighth Louisiana, four companies of the Twelfth Georgia and a body of cavalry. The enemy, it appears, were taken completely by surprise, and had no time either to save or to destroy anything. A large amount of ammunition fell into our hands, including two locomotives and eleven cars on the Manassas Gap Railroad. We captured six officers and one hundred and fifty privates, besides killing and wounding a large number of rebels. Our loss in this affair was but eight killed; five wounded and one missing. Several of our men who were taken prisoners at Front Royal a week ago, were recaptured by our forces. In addition to this decided success, we are gratified to announce that Gen. Banks has once more advanced from Harper's Ferry, the Fifth New-York Cavalry having passed through Martinsburgh, and several miles beyond, on Saturday morning. They encountered the rebel cavalry, and captured several prisoners, together with a wagon, muskets, ammunition, &c. It has been ascertained that Col. Kenly, of the First Maryland, was not killed, but is now at Winchester, wounded.

It does not yet seem developed whether the rebels have done much damage to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in the vicinity of Martinsburgh. The road is all right as far as Back Creek, where a bridge is damaged, but beyond that point as far as Hallltown, nothing is known. From the indications, however, now on foot, there is reason to believe that trains will be running through from Wheeling to Baltimore in a few days.

The evacuation of Corinth by the rebels under Beauregard is likely to prove a more serious disaster for them than at first appeared likely. It is believed to have commenced on Wednesday night, the direction being to proceed southward to some point on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad—probably Okolona, as before announced. A body of Gen. Pope's cavalry, however, had been beforehand with them, and had destroyed a bridge, and thus prevented progress in that direction. They then retraced their steps, and proceeded west to Grand Junction, whence they took the Jackson Railroad southward—doubtless with the intention of proceeding eastward from Jackson and striking the Mobile and Ohio Railroad again at Meridian, some 120 miles below Okolona, and about the same distance from Mobile. Gen. Halleck telegraphs to the War Department that the enemy's position and works in front of Corinth were exceedingly strong, and that he cannot occupy a stronger position in his flight. The rebels destroyed an immense amount of public and private property, stores, provisions, wagons, tents, &c. For miles out of town the roads were strewn with arms, knapsacks, &c., thrown away in the flight. We have captured a large number of prisoners and deserters, amounting on Friday night to between two and three thousand.

Important news reaches us from the West. Little Rock, the Capital of Arkansas, is stated to be fully occupied by our troops—the inhabitants manifesting being decidedly loyal. The Legislature had scattered, and Gov. Rector had fled from the State. It is also announced that Vicksburgh, Miss., has surrendered to the Lower Mississippi fleet.

Recent advices from Norfolk are important. According to the report of two fugitives, who arrived there on Thursday, direct from Richmond, the rebels at the latter place have an army of 200,000 men in the vicinity; among whom, however, both officers and men, dissatisfaction is very general. The story of half-rations is again repeated by these refugees. Notwithstanding all drawbacks, Jeff. Davis sees that his only chance is in a battle at Richmond, and is reported to have expressed his determination to make the streets of the city "run with blood" before surrendering it. A rumor had been brought in by Gen. Wool's scouts, that Petersburgh had already been, or was to be, evacuated by the rebels. Communication with Gen. Burnside had been opened by the inland route, from Elizabeth River by canal to Currituck Sound, and several vessels had already come through, flying the National flag. A Union meeting is to be held in Norfolk soon, and if the sentiment of the meeting proves satisfactory, it will probably induce the President to open the port to commerce.

The United States steam transport *Baltic* arrived at this port on Saturday afternoon, from Ship Island, Mobile Point and Key West, with a cargo of 117 bales of cotton, 40 barrels spirits turpentine, and 21 barrels of tar, captured from several small prizes, and consigned to the United States Marshal. We receive by the *Baltic* our special correspondence from the Gulf, which gives interesting details of recent events.

The United States steam-transport *Cossack*, Capt. John W. Bennett, arrived at an early hour on Saturday morning from Newbern, N. C., which port she left on the 29th inst., at 4 P. M. She brings 418 released Union prisoners from Salisbury, N. C. There was nothing new at Newbern. Governor Stanly was in the city, and was about to assume his functions.

The schooner *Hannibal*, (of Bangor,) Capt. Winternot, from Nassau, N. P., May 22, arrived on Saturday morning. She left there the Confederate steamers *Thomas L. Wragg*, to sail for Charleston in a few days, the *Wm. Seabrook*, from Charleston, and the *Santee*, from a Southern port, just arrived with a cargo of cotton. The Confederate steamers *Kate*, *Cecil* and *Nelly* sailed May 20, for Charleston.

Another valuable British iron steamship was brought into this port yesterday as a prize, having been captured off Charleston while attempting to run the blockade. The vessel and cargo—the latter consisting of powder, rifles, coffee and quinine—are valued at $300,000.

A letter to the Boston *Journal*, dated on board the United States gunboat *Kennebec*, off Natchez, May 14, says: "We arrived at this place on Monday, 12th inst.; passed Baton Rouge last week. The Stars and Stripes wave over that city now. The following vessels are lying at anchor opposite this city: United States sloops *Brooklyn*, *Iroquois*, *Oneida*, and gunboats *Sciota*, *Winnebago*, *Wissahicon*, *Winona* and *Kennebec*. This city has not surrendered yet; will probably this day, and then for Vicksburgh and Memphis. The planters are destroying and burning all their cotton; great quantities of which are floating down the river every day. One planter told me a few days ago, below here, that he had burned fifteen hundred bales of cotton."

A dispatch from Baltimore informs us that Gen. Dix is to relieve Gen. Wool in the command of the Department of Virginia, while Gen. Wool is expected to come to Baltimore.

There is said to be well authenticated information in Baltimore that the rebels lost, in the late battle at Hanover Court-House, 1,000 killed, 3,000 wounded, and 1,200 taken prisoners. Their entire force was 15,000.

Brig.-Gen. Somerville, commanding the Missouri State Militia, has issued a general order stating that hereafter all guerrillas and marauders, in that State, when caught in arms, engaged in their unlawful warfare, will be shot down on the spot, and that all citizens who give shelter and protection to these outlaws, or who will not give all the assistance in their power to the military authorities in detecting and bringing them to punishment, will be regarded and treated as aiders and abettors of the criminals.

CONGRESS.

Only the Senate was in session on Saturday. A bill was introduced by Mr. Wilson, of Massachusetts, to enable slaves to establish a right to freedom under the act to confiscate the property of rebels, &c. A resolution was offered by Mr. Davis, of Kentucky, and laid over, providing for a Select Committee to investigate the official conduct of Adjutant-Gen. Thomas. The resolution to compensate the crew of the gunboat *Varuna*, for the loss of clothing and other property in the fight below New-Orleans, was passed. The House bill to allow California an additional representative was passed. The bill legalizing the acceptance of volunteers by the President was called up by Mr. Wilson, who offered a substitute authorizing a further acceptance of volunteers, but limiting the whole number to 700,000, and providing for a premium of $2 for every soldier enlisted, and for the payment of two months' wages in advance. Mr. Wilson stated that the aggregate number of men now in service is estimated at 617,654, but we have a large number at home, on leave and sick, and the probable number of effective men in the field is 500,000. An amendment was adopted limiting the premium to the regular service. The bill was discussed until 1 o'clock, when the Tax-bill was again taken up, and debated until the adjournment. The proposed tax on coal was reduced.

GENERAL NEWS.

We receive the important intelligence by way of San Francisco, that on the 7th ult., the French troops retired from before the city of Puebla, declining a battle with the Mexican forces which were drawn up to meet them. The news was conveyed to San Francisco by the steamer *Oriental*, from Acapulco.

By the steamship *City of New-York*, which passed Cape Race on Saturday we receive advices from Europe four days later than came to hand by the *Europa*. The news is not specially important. Full details of the evacuation of Yorktown had been received in England, and the event was regarded as hardly second in importance to the capture of New-Orleans. The London *Times* considers it a great reverse for the rebels. The London *Post*, as usual when it hears of any great victory of the National arms, suggests that now is the time to effect a compromise. The Liverpool *Post* regards the war as virtually at an end. Earl Russell had submitted the new Slave-trade treaty to Parliament, and had taken occasion to bear testimony to the efforts of the present Administration to put a stop to the traffic. The Cotton market was fluctuating. Breadstuffs were nominal and Provisions dull and unchanged. Consols were quoted at 93¼@93¾.

The steamship *Northern Light* arrived at this port on Saturday, from Aspinwall on the 23d ult. She brought the mails and specie from California. She gives the following report of the capture of a prize schooner on Wednesday last: "May 28, lat. 31°, lon. 73° 35', spoke schooner *Agnes H. Ward*, of Philadelphia, N. G., cargo lost on board and stated she was sailing under the Confederate flag and pretty deeply with cotton, turpentine and tobacco, and bound for Nassau. She was the blockade at Wilmington on the night of May 13. We took the Captain, and part of the crew on board the *Northern Light*, and sent our first officer and four men to take possession of her as a prize; took her in tow, and brought her to this port. She has 16 bales of cotton and 170 barrels spirits turpentine; of about 100 tons burden. This, we believe, is the first instance, during the war, of the capture of a prize by a merchant vessel. The California steamers, as is well known, are armed with rifle cannon. The *Agnes H. Ward* was given in charge of the Prize Commissioners on her arrival.

From Bogota, we have a confirmation, by the *Northern Light*, of the reported defeat and capture of Gen. Payan, of Mosquera's forces, by Arboleda, in the State of Cauca. The City of Bogota remained quiet. Mosquera was about sending a large force into Cauca, and a detachment had already gone forward.

From Central America, the news is of trivial importance. An unsuccessful attempt had been made in Guatemala to blow up the Government magazine, which contained 600 quintals of powder. Unimportant disturbances had taken place in parts of the Republic.

Gen. San Roman had been elected to the Presidency of Peru.

The gunboat *E. A. Stevens* has arrived at the Washington Navy-yard for repairs. At the time of the accident, while she was assisting in the bombardment of Fort Darling on the James River, the gun was loaded for the seventh round, with a 10-pound cartridge and solid shot, and but two persons were injured—the captain, who was struck on the head with a small piece of the flying metal, and the gunner, who had his shoulder bruised. The frame in which the gun worked is split, and the aft beam is also started.

One hundred and fifteen prisoners captured at Lewisburgh, Va., by Col. Crook, have arrived at Wheeling.

A few weeks since, Gen. Halleck ordered Gen. Curtis to detach a portion of the army of the Southwest, and send it, with all possible dispatch, to the aid of the National forces before Corinth. The order was received by the latter at Batesville, Ark., and promptly obeyed. How many men were forwarded it is unnecessary to mention, but the alacrity of their movements is worthy of note. The march from Batesville to Cape Girardeau, Mo., a distance of two hundred and forty miles, was accomplished in ten days, some of the men being obliged to travel barefoot for the last sixty miles. This gives an average of twenty-four miles per day. The day before the battle of Pea Ridge, a detachment from Curtis' army, under Col. Vandever, marched from Huntsville to Sugar Creek, forty-one miles, with but two halts of fifteen minutes each.

Col. Redman Willey, residing in Maryville, Nodaway County, Missouri, holding a commission as Colonel in the rebel army, and late from the rebel force at Corinth, Miss., voluntarily surrendered himself as a prisoner of war to the Provost-Marshal at St. Joseph, a few days ago. At first he merely reported himself as a returned rebel, and wore no uniform or insignia denoting his rank. His person was unknown to the Provost-Marshal, but that officer, suspecting from the air and bearing of the gentleman that he was no ordinary person, questioned him until the truth came out. Col. Willey left the rebel army a month ago. He did not pass through our lines, but made his way up through Kentucky. The Provost-Marshal sent him to Camp Byrne, where he now is.

An Atlanta (Ga.) paper states that there are 2,000 sick soldiers now in that city, hailing from nearly every part of the Confederacy, and that the number is likely to be largely increased.

The Stock Exchange was buoyant and higher on Saturday on nearly the entire list, Government Stock of 1881 leading off at 105½ ₩ cent. Gold 103¼@103½; Exchange 114¼@114¾ ₩ cent.

A fair business was transacted in the principal kinds of Breadstuffs, on Saturday. Flour was a shade cheaper; while Wheat and Corn were firm. Cotton was pretty freely purchased at steady prices. Sales of Groceries and Provisions were restricted, as were also those of Whisky, Tallow, Fruit, Oils, Hides, Leather, Naval Stores, and Foreign Liquors. Fish, Hemp, Metals, Seeds, Spices, and Whalebone were inactive. Moderate freight engagements were reported at easier rates, with 554 vessels of all classes in port.

Lesson Taught by the Evacuation of Corinth.

There is one lesson taught by the rebel evacuation of Corinth that should be remembered to the full vindication of Gen. McClellan in regard to the evacuation of Manassas. It will be recollected that the whole country was vocal with ridicule and censure from a class of our population, because McClellan had "let the enemy at Manassas get away from him." Although many miles distant, and never having approached Manassas even, much less endeavored to invest it, Gen. McClellan was expected to know to a hundred how many men the enemy had there, how many guns, how and where mounted, and what *intentions* their commanders had—whether they meant to fight or run away. The fact that the leader of the Union army was disposed to approach cautiously the famous breastworks and redoubts of Centreville, was considered proof conclusive of a timid, hesitating disposition, afraid of "hurting" somebody or something, and wholly incompatible with the enterprise needed at the head of the army.

It is not to be denied that this loud and cruel clamor against McClellan had a damaging effect on his reputation, alienating many men who had professed to be his friends, and even leading the War Department, by a series of reorganizing orders, to deprive him of half of his command and limit his operations to the smallest pattern of a geographical department—Virginia, east of the Rappahannock and Richmond, and west of the Fortress Monroe Department.

But now what do we see of rebel evacuation in the West? Gen. Halleck, certainly one of the most skillful and successful Generals of the war, has been for nearly three months before Corinth. He has literally crawled, inch by inch, from Pittsburgh Landing, with his immense army, right up to the enemy's breastworks, planting his siege guns within three-quarters of a mile of their intrenchments. He has almost invested Corinth with his watchful host, skirmishing daily, receiving prisoners and deserters hourly into his camp, and examining them with all the searching keenness of the skilled lawyer that he is. In these advances he has been aided by such experienced and wary fighters as Pope, Buell, Thomas, the two Sherman, and scores like them. Yet, with all this carefulness, with all this close proximity to the enemy, with all this able cooperation of the most sagacious Generals, and with all the advantage of deserters and prisoners to catechise and cross-examine, Gen. Halleck rises from behind his labored and enormous approaches at Corinth to look in upon its empty and abandoned fortifications! It would not be at all surprising to learn next that many "quaker guns" were found harmlessly peering out of embrasures; and that at no time within the past three weeks has any force, except that of Price and Van Dorn, garrisoned the far-famed Corinth!

To turn a moment from this notable example of a Union General "letting the enemy get away from him," do we not recognize the same thing in a recent case right in front of Washington? Gen. McDowell has been delayed for weeks at Fredericksburgh. It has been almost daily announced that Gen. Ewell with 20,000 men—more or less—was encamped hard by, waiting for reinforcements, to fall upon and crush him. Gen. McDowell believed this; he welcomed "intelligent negroes" to his lines, and telegraphed to the Government their confirmation of his belief, and asked for and got reinforcements. But yet in the end, what happened? Gen. McDowell was not attacked by Gen. Ewell, but Gen. Banks, in a remote district, was, and as a matter of course, was driven back.

Where is the exacting spirit of popular generalship that strove to immolate McClellan? Does it demand of the War Department the removal of Halleck, or the disembarrassment of his command, because he let Beauregard slip out of his fingers at Corinth? And is the War Department about to yield, as it yielded partially in McClellan's case? Is anybody clamorous for McDowell's supersession, because he let Gen. Ewell fool him into the belief of a battle imminent, making him call for, and obtain the reinforcements that weakened Banks to his ruin?

We "point a moral" by the contrast here presented of evacuations East and evacuations West; not with the mere view of showing how Gen. McClellan is vindicated, for those who did him most injustice have made him ample amends by their resolutions adopted in Congress, but for the wider and better purpose of enforcing upon all men a more catholic and charitable spirit toward those upon whom are resting the awful responsibilities of this war.

The Battle before Richmond.

The battle fought in front of Richmond on Saturday and yesterday, seems to have amounted to a general engagement. The *corps d'armée* of Generals Sumner, Heintzelman and Keyes—all the organized army corps, though not all the troops, under Gen. McClellan—were engaged, and probably by the whole rebel force at Richmond, for Gen. McClellan says that their numbers were greatly superior to ours. The information we have concerning the battle is meagre, but it is sufficient to let us know that our army has gloriously triumphed.

On both days the rebels were the attacking party, their Generals taking advantage of a terrible storm to assail our right flank—the point where we were the weakest. This fact of the rebel attack shows the desperate straits which they are in, at Richmond; and it was, probably, from this cause, and from the clamor of the army and of the citizens, that the rebel Generals were driven to assume the offensive.

Gen. McClellan says the battle was a "desperate" one on both sides, and mentions several fine bayonet charges as having been made by our troops. At first the enemy took a small body of them unawares, and a momentary reverse was the consequence; but the ground was speedily regained, and the enemy driven back. The result of the second day's battle is modestly stated by Gen. McClellan in these words: "The enemy was everywhere repulsed." The losses on neither side are given, but are mentioned as being very heavy.

What now? Will the rebels again try the issue of arms at Richmond? or, having discovered that they have failed in that upon which Southern troops have always prided themselves, the assault and the charge, will they be satisfied of the uselessness of any further attempts to save the capital? To-day or to-morrow will tell. Whichever it be, the end cannot now be delayed. Gen. McClellan will probably at once follow up the already repulsed rebel army; and reinforced by Gen. McDowell, will push on to Richmond.

Clemency to the Rebels.—The Louisville *Journal* appends the following comments to an account of the atrocities perpetrated by the rebels on our sick and wounded who fell into their hands at Winchester:

"*This is no civilized warfare on the part of the rebels*, and the horrible truth will soon, in all probability, be made shockingly manifest in Kentucky, in Missouri, in Tennessee, in Western Virginia and elsewhere, by the operations of the numberless guerrilla bands now organizing, unless the promptest, the severest and the most energetic measures shall be adopted for their intimidation and suppression. We are not prepared to believe that any error will be committed by our authorities on the side of leniency, *and we can hardly see how any will could be on the side of rigor.*"

The rebels are laying up for themselves wrath against the day of wrath, by the manner in which they are conducting this war. The Government has steadily persisted in its original purpose of prosecuting the contest upon the broadest possible grounds of humanity and magnanimity. The utmost deference and respect have been shown to the rights of person and of property. Not a spy has been executed—not a deserter shot—not a traitor hung. Rebel property has in every case been respected, preserved and protected from pillage by the Union troops. The rebel wounded have been attended carefully and skillfully *by our surgeons and nurses. No distinction* has been made between them and our own soldiers, in hospitals or on the field. And, in every possible way the Government has sought to fulfil the pledge made to foreign Powers by Mr. Seward at the beginning of the war, that this contest should present an instance of magnanimity and forbearance without example in the history of civil wars.

In return for all this, the rebels have steadily and systematically imitated the worst excesses of the worst savages in the worst ages of the world. The history of Indian warfare presents nothing more fiendish, more utterly unworthy of a civilized community, than the conduct of the rebels in this war. Their treatment of Union men, their persecution by pillage, imprisonment, and even murder, of all who have not joined in their rebellion; their horrid butchery of the wounded on the field of battle, and their brutal usage of prisoners who have fallen into their hands, brand them as beyond the pale of civilization, and to be regarded rather as insane savages than as men entitled to the rights of civilized warfare.

Sooner or later they will reap their reward. The Government will undoubtedly complete its experiment and prosecute the war upon the same basis of liberality and kindness which has characterized it hitherto, until the military power of the rebellion is broken. But if after that the rebels persist in their infamous and inhuman practices, they will find themselves dealt with on a different basis. If they abandon war after defeat and resort to an organized system of assassination, they will be treated as assassins and not as simple enemies. The Government will then be prepared to put in force the most rigorous system of repression which the occasion may require. If there is any sanity left in the Southern States, it will be well employed in saving Southern society from the horrible ruin into which its leaders seem resolved to plunge it.

Barrier Official Greatness.—Capt. Coles, of the Royal Navy, whose name is associated with a plan of cupola shields, or deck turrets, for iron-clad vessels, has just had a taste of the narrowness and perversity of that old fogy affair, the British Admiralty. The success of the *Monitor* gave this Body of wise acres a cupola-mania, and simply because Capt. Coles' plan embraced this feature, they immediately ordered that it should be applied to several ships. With a sense of justice particularly their own, however, they debarred the inventor from any practical supervision of the works that were to test the merits of his theory.

In a letter which Capt. Coles lately addressed to the London *Times*, he says: "The shield now being fitted in the *Trusty* has been put together without my knowledge, and it was only through the Press that I knew it was being done. I have not been allowed to superintend it, and from all that I can learn, it cannot be considered to represent my invention." This communication drew down on the Captain a severe reprimand from Lord Clarence Paget, Secretary of the Admiralty, who, from his place in the House of Lords, roundly berated Capt. Coles for daring to "write letters to the newspapers when he is employed under the orders of the Admiralty in an important matter." This was, of course, simply dodging the real question—namely, what right has an Official Board to adopt a man's invention and then give it to be carried out by others, who are only half acquainted with it, and are possibly rivals of the originator? It is plain that if Capt. Coles' scheme is a good one, he is the fittest man to be entrusted with the material realization of it, inasmuch as there must occur in the execution many details of difficulty, which will be best arranged by one who has the whole conception in his mind. We do things better in the United States. Does the Navy Department think of debarring Capt. Dahlgren from superintending the making of his ordnance? On the contrary, it puts him in precisely the most favorable position for experimenting, and the result is that he has produced the best naval gun in the world. In like manner, it wisely thinks that the contriving brain that planned the *Monitor* is precisely the one to direct the construction of the new iron-clads on the same model. The fruit of this policy is, that Ericsson is now employing, in the new ships, improvements that will make them vastly superior to the existing *Monitor*. Capt. Coles thinks his cupola iron-clad is invulnerable; but he has probably come to the conclusion that hide-bound, British official prejudice is still more invulnerable.

Educating the Blacks in the Southern States.—Our North Carolina correspondent, in a letter from Newbern, which we published yesterday, mentioned an incident connected with Gov. Stanly's entrance upon his official duties, which will not make a pleasant impression upon the public. Mr. V. Colyer, in his capacity as Superintendent of the Poor, has been engaged in establishing schools for the blacks of that vicinity. Gov. Stanly informed him, at his first interview, that his instructions from Washington were to enforce the laws of the State precisely as they stood before the outbreak of the rebellion, and these laws made the opening of such schools a criminal offence. Mr. Colyer has accordingly closed the schools.

We hope no time will be lost in securing a repeal of laws so disgraceful to the State and the age. The Government certainly cannot be bound to aid in perpetuating the features which make Slavery so infamous a curse to the country. It may not have any right to interfere with Slavery itself, but it need not take any active part in enforcing the laws by which it seeks to perpetuate its existence. The people of the State, we cannot help thinking, under the new influences which will affect their public action, will be ready to take steps to mitigate the evils of the institution, even if they are not prepared at once to abolish it.

Hitherto the political control of the Southern States has been in the hands of the fanatical Pro-Slavery men. All their laws have aimed to strengthen Slavery, to protect it against the meliorating influences of civilization, of education and Christianity. The fundamental principle of their system has been the denial to negroes of *rights* of any kind, the refusal to treat them as human beings, having any claim on society for those inherent and inalienable rights which belong to every inhabitant of a free community. We hope one effect of the pending revolution which the rebellion has brought upon Southern society, will be to change this system, and put the political control of affairs into the hands of men of different sentiments and purposes. As a general thing the extreme Pro-Slavery fanaticism of the South has culminated in secession. The leading Secessionists have been everywhere the leading propagandists of Slavery. Their power is broken forever. If the Union is to be restored in the South it can only be by expelling these men from the political supremacy they have enjoyed heretofore, and placing the conduct of affairs in the hands of men of more just and liberal views.

The Government ought to aid this revolution in the political affairs of the South by all the means in its power, and we trust that Gov. Stanly will not find it necessary to bring the power of the National Government to bear, at the very outset of his Administration, against so humane and so beneficent a work as teaching the poor blacks of the State to read.

Anxious Horses Here in Honor Carolina.—The anti-secession movements in North Carolina are multiplying, and encouraging, even if some of the reports of Union manifestations turn out to be unfounded. But many the most significant evidence of the spirit of the Old North State, and one which is in no danger of exaggeration, is to be found in the turn of events with reference to the next State Governor. The Secessionists have put forward as their candidate Kenneth Rayner, a rabid rebel of the South Carolina stripe. The conservative anti-secession and (we presume) Unionist party, on the contrary, have chosen William A. Graham, (Mr. Fillmore's Secretary of the Navy,) one of the most active members of the recalcitrant Convention that have lately been kicking against the Richmond despotism. Graham has the support and sympathy and will probably have the votes of the great majority of the State. Now, though not ostensibly or avowedly, these parties really represent the Confederacy on the one hand and the Union on the other. The whole tenor of their public discussions and discussions has this scope and no other, and it requires no great skill in reading between the lines to see that this is really the marrow of the whole matter. Among the significant indications to this effect is the following from the Raleigh *Standard*, the Democratic organ of the State, which, in urging the election of Mr. Graham, says:

"Why such an anxiety on the part of the pro or secession no-party stripe, to know who is to be the next Governor of North Carolina? We think their anxiety may be relieved in some degree by telling them who the people will not have to rule over the destinies of North Carolina. First, they will not have a foreigner (meaning Gov. Rayner, of Tennessee.) Secondly, they will not have a Yankee, (meaning the editor of the Raleigh Register.) Thirdly, they will not have a Secessionist of the South Carolina school. And that there can be no doubt who is meant under the third head, we will define the term by remarking that the people do not wish to preside over the destinies of the State who could be elected of Mr. Lincoln the election for breaking up the Government."

A Ridiculous Invention.—A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press*, writing from Fort Monroe, sends to that paper a sensation fiction which will greatly rejoice the hearts and aid the schemes of the rebels. He states that two hundred and seventy-two negroes have been decoyed on board a boat which lay lying off the fort for some time, and carried off to Cuba to be sold as slaves. Unless matters are conducted there with a good deal less of method and rigor than we think prevails, this story is simply preposterous. *No such thing could possibly take place.* All the contrabands who have collected at the Fortress have been under military control, having a regular Superintendent, who keeps the list of them, regulates their hours of work and rates of pay, and has the same supervision of them that the Colonel of a regiment has of his men. To suppose that two hundred and seventy-two of these negroes could be carried away without his knowledge, is simply ridiculous.

This story has been palmed off upon the *Press* correspondent by some one for the purpose of giving color to the stories by which the rebels throughout the South alarm the slaves about the coming of the Northern troops. It is one of their favorite falsehoods to tell them that the Yankees intend to ship them to Cuba. We hope that the authorities at Fortress Monroe will give this story, so well calculated to do mischief, the quietus of an official contradiction.

An Evening Sunday.—For a wonder, one Sunday has passed without any startling sensation. Its accustomed lull the City seems to be electrified by some capital event every Sunday, issued in extra and proclaimed by the vociferous newsboy, that yesterday probably seemed to many tame and void in consequence. It was on a Sunday that the announcement of the raid of the *Merrimac* came, and almost every Sunday since has brought with it some new and stirring event—such as the evacuation of Yorktown, the capture of Norfolk, the destruction of the Jamestown, the repulse of our troops on the Chickahominy, and the like; while many times during the great season of the repulse of Banks and the "wily and barbarous horde" moving on Washington! Though less exciting, it is, however, far more *Sabbath-like* that the blessed air should not be colored into clamorous shouts of bloody battles and glorious victories, and no sound more jarring than the church-bell be heard on that day which portrays the time when men shall study war no more.

Very late at night, however, as the Sabbath hours were passing away, news came by telegraph of the battle before Richmond, published on this morning; but the hoarse voice of the newsboys (for a contemporary actually issued an extra at 12 o'clock,) failed to disturb the slumbers of half the city.

The Rebellion.—[illegible] the other day, in a single sentence, [illegible] proposed most forcibly what he thinks of the present aspect of the rebellion. "The rebellion," said the veteran soldier, speaking of the evacuation of Corinth and rebel demonstration, "the rebellion is molting." [illegible] "molting" is the term used in connection with birds at the period of cowering, sickness and discomfort, when they shed their feathers.

"Moult the skylark and forlorn
When she molts the finching plumes,"

says Coleridge. Well, the figure [illegible] has come to that gay bird accordingly; its fine feathers and brilliant plumage are fast dropping away, leaving it a poor, shivering, forlorn and naked thing, in a [illegible] and seem to die of shame.

[illegible] on the 17th of May, [illegible] exhaustion of the military strength of the Southern States, which led it to the very comfortable conclusion that, within thirty days they would have in the field an "effective army of 500,000 men, as renowned for their courage as invincible in their purpose," [illegible] about judging from results. The *Appeal* [illegible] that "this army will fall upon [illegible] from the Confederacy, and thence proceed to precipitate itself into the very vitals of the North, carrying fire and sword into the country of the enemy." About ten days after this prediction, Memphis itself was evacuated,

Later and Interesting from New-Orleans.

Further from Gen. Butler Relating to Shipping.

NEW MUNICIPAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Latest Intelligence from Mobile and Corinth.

[Our Special Correspondent with Farragut's Mortar Fleet has sent us later New-Orleans and Mobile papers than those which we make reference to in the [illegible]

GEN. BUTLER'S ORDER ON CURRENCY.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE GULF, NEW-ORLEANS, May 20, 1862.

In the absence of the late Mayor of New-Orleans, by order of Major-Gen. B. F. BUTLER, commanding the Department of the Gulf, the Military Mayor of New-Orleans will, for the present, hear all such cases as the citizens of New-Orleans shall elect a loyal citizen of New-Orleans and of the United States as Mayor of the city, discharge the functions which have hitherto appertained to that office.

He assures the peaceable citizens of New-Orleans that he will afford the most ample protection to their persons, and property, and their honor.

No officer or soldier of the United States army will be permitted to insult or annoy any peaceable citizen, or in any way invade his personal rights or rights of property.

No citizen will be permitted to insult or interfere with any officer or soldier in the discharge of his duty.

No person hereafter will denounce or threaten with personal violence any citizen of the United States for the expression of Union and loyal sentiments. The punishment for these offences will be prompt and effectual.

The functions of the Chief of Police will be sustained by Capt. Junius H. Fauna, Provost-Marshal, to whom all offenses will be sent immediately. He will also perform the duty of organizing the Police force of the city, and will continue in office those found to be trustworthy, honest and loyal.

The several Recorders of the city are hereby suspended from the discharge of the functions of their offices, and Maj. Jeremy M. Bell, Provost-Judge, will hear and determine all complaints for the violation of the peace and good order of the city, of its ordinances or the laws of the United States.

The laws and general ordinances of the city of New-Orleans, so far as they may be inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States, or with any General Order issued by the Commanding Department, or with this Order, are hereby suspended.

All contracts and engagements heretofore legally made by the City of New-Orleans, or under its authority, subject to the limitations of the City Charter, shall be held inviolate, and faithfully carried out.

It is expected, and will be required, that all officers shall continue to perform the duties and obligations which devolve upon them by contracts now in force, and on such parties will be held to rigid accountability.

The Military Commandant desires the cooperation of all good citizens, to enable him to carry out the views expressed.

The police, and will speedily see the aid of a number of all good citizens, of respectability and character, to aid in the preservation of tranquillity and good order.

The City Finance, as well as the Health, Fire, Parks, Cleaning, Lighting, Water, Levees, and generally all the duties and responsibilities from civil control by the order of the Commanding General, or by law, will, in the meantime, all officers now in office, be continued in their respective functions until further orders.

All the officers of the corporation and subordinates of the laws pertaining to the city and its government and of the ordinances thereof, the Military Board of Health will seek the guidance of a professional board of known probity and intelligence.

The Commanding General will be seen happy to receive from any citizen of New-Orleans written or verbal suggestions touching the welfare and good government thereof.

In conclusion, the Military Commandant assures the loyal population of the city that the restoration of the authority of the United States is the rehabilitation of order and morality; safety to life, liberty and property under the law, and a guarantee of the prosperity and glory of the Crescent City under the protection of the American Government and laws.

In these times such as ever, most strenuous efforts will be unremittingly devoted, and to their consummation he earnestly invites the cooperation of his fellow-citizens of New-Orleans. G. F. SHEPLEY,

Military Commandant of New-Orleans.

SEWARD HAMILTON, A. A. A. G.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS IN NEW-ORLEANS.

From the New-Orleans Commercial Bulletin, Wednesday Morning, May 21, 1862.

There were several sales of sugar yesterday, payable in Confederate Treasury Notes, but the prices showed a market falling off from figures previously realized. The public sales on the levee, which were made in retail lots of two hogsheads or more, to suit purchasers, were at rates ranging from 6c. @10c. Some other lots were offered but withdrawn in consequence of their not bringing satisfactory prices. Eight hogsheads of a quality which had previously [illegible]

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AFFAIRS AT CORINTH JUST PREVIOUS TO THE EVACUATION—GREAT ROASTING.

Correspondence of the Mobile Evening News, May 16.

CORINTH, Wednesday night, May 7, 1862.

The idea seems to have prevailed at Pittsburgh some days ago that Beauregard was about to retire from Corinth, and it is possible that the late demonstration by the Federals were made, among other things, for the purpose of ascertaining his movements. I need not assure your readers that Gen. Beauregard has no thought of yielding this place, without it is to pounce the enemy back to the river.

It is evident, if reports be true in part, that HALLECK does not consider his defeat impossible, or even improbable; otherwise he would not be preparing to defend the roads after he shall have advanced over them. Whatever be his plans, however, whether a bold and manly attack, and a fair stand-up fight, or an attempted siege, or a movement on our flanks, he will find BEAUREGARD and his brave officers and men prepared to dispute every inch of ground to the very last ditch. The great to, the Confederates do not intend to be whipped at Corinth, either by arms or strategy. When they do fight, it will be, as it were, in front of their own doors, with their mothers, wives and little ones looking on. Let the Federals come on, and they will be welcomed in the spirit of Southern hospitality. We have no fear that they will be entertained in a manner that will not be forgotten.

The munitions, guns and other public property were carefully and effectually removed, and the enemy fall heir to a barren acquisition, save that the harbor will be of some value to them as a naval rendezvous, and its shores as a hospital station for Sick and army when Yellow Jack and other little ailments incidental to the sojourn of the unacclimated at less healthful localities on the Gulf shores, begin their work among the invaders, as they unerringly will ere long. *In thus executing its most positions our Government is pursuing a wise but wise policy.* The more positions they possess the more men will the enemy require to occupy, and the more forces we withdraw the more we will have to add to the force of our grand armies. In whose strength our cause has vital confidence. We trust that ere long our armies of Virginia and the Mississippi Valley will conquer back Pensacola by great victories, and ensuing peace and prosperity make her all she ever was—yes, more.

AFFAIRS BELOW MOBILE.

From the Mobile Register.

FORT GAINES, Friday, May 9.

There is, of course, very little of interest occurring here as a general thing, but yesterday the people who go "down to the sea in ships" made their appearance to the number of ten, and two of them ventured so near Fort Morgan that the latter paid its respects to them with those "mortal engines whose rude throats Jove's dread clamor imitate." Some dozen shots were fired, struck very close, as we could see, but unfortunately did not hit the mark. It seemed to us they were taking soundings, and were within range half the day. The excitement, or rather interest, was lively at Fort Gaines, and our guns were trained on the "insolent foe," but to no purpose, as we have not yet fired a shot.

This morning a schooner ran the blockade—and at this writing is moored under the guns of Fort Morgan; how she managed is hard to tell.

We all like our Colonel here—a man of few words, very courteous and approachable to all; he commands our respect, and will be well supported in anything he undertakes—that is one good thing of Fort Gaines.

But, Jerusalem! were you ever in the countries where musquitoes carry brickbats under their wings to sharpen their bills? or is that where "chinioes" pull the cover off before making an attack? or in that other where monkeys are employed instead of fine-tooth combs? or yet in that other where posts and brimstone are staples of provision? Well, Dauphin Island is far ahead of them all as the girl who said, when asked to the one who answered "ask mamma." The fleas here are about the size of a marketable shrimp, and the sand-flies as hungry as soldiers! Just imagine the "situation," and give us a leader on the subject. But I drop the subject, and wish I could the fleas as easily. They'll draw blood, if the Yankees do not.

We have passed two night at the guns, and no sign of an attack yet—they are evidently shy of us, but I expect, their arrangements completed, we will have an exchange of pills—"Dr. LINCOLN's to Dr. DAVIS'." Anyhow, our sick and disabled have all been moved, and we are ready.

P. S.—All the gunboats have left—supposed they have gone to Ship Island. The attack is evidently postponed until they are stronger or more favorable weather. The channel between the forts may prove a modern Thermopylae yet.

THE FLEET LEFT.

From the Mobile Evening News, May 16.

We learn that the Federal fleet, which made its appearance near Fort Morgan a day or two since, took French leave yesterday. The last seen of them they were sailing in the direction of Ship Island. Whether they were disgusted with the substantial appearance and fierce looking guns of the fort, or merely came on a reconnoissance and went back to report what they saw, or were summoned to some other point and intend giving us the go-by, we are unable to say; but, in any case, they are a "good riddance," and the movement indicates that we are not to be molested here for some time to come.

From the Mobile Advertiser, 11th.

At the time yesterday's steamer left the Fort—2 o'clock P. M.—everything there was quiet. Only two ships (no steamers) were off the bar, and those had their topgallant masts housed, the wind blowing hard and a heavy sea running.

CORN! CORN!! CORN!!!

From the Mobile News.

MESSRS. EDITORS: You will please to inform the people of Alabama and Mississippi that corn is selling *free* cash in Mobile for Two DOLLARS per bushel.

Please also inform the good people that Mobile is just where she stood, and that there is no danger that an enemy will take their corn if they send it here.

Tell them that they will not only get an enormous price for the article, but that they will be doing our citizens and our soldiery a great favor.

There is doubtless abundance of corn in the country, and we are aware that transportation is somewhat difficult, but the commercial metropolis of both Alabama and Mississippi must have food.

Let the people of the interior, then, hurry on a supply of this needed article.

MESSRS. Editors, need I ask your full indorsement of the above? and will you not reiterate also, that we feel ourselves safe from subjugation if the enemy should come; but that from present appearances it does not seem likely that he is in any hurry to come?

MOBILE.

OPERATIONS ON JAMES RIVER.

From the Petersburgh Express, May 19.

The *Monitor*, at last accounts, was off City Point, near the mouth of the Appomattox River—a position which also commands the channel of the James. Three of the gunboats have proceeded down the river, whether to return with strong accessions or repair to some other section, remains to be seen. The *Galena* has escaped the vigilance of our videttes and gone no one knows where, but we hope to the bottom. It is said the Yankees can hear the *Monitor* buried a large number of their comrades Friday, supposed, to have been killed in the engagement of Thursday at Drury's Bluff. One of our pickets estimates the number at one hundred. We presume this is rather too high a figure, although we should like to see it multiplied by one thousand.

It was reported yesterday that the Yankees had landed in large numbers at Smithfield. The nearness of Smithfield to James River offers facilities for the landing of the enemy which we could not prevent. It is stated that they have also appeared at Chuckatuck, Nansemond County, in large force. Burnside is reported to be making his way slowly toward Murfreesboro', N. C., and other positions in the vicinity of the Seaboard Railroad. If these reports be correct, the indications point very plainly to an attempted junction of the forces under Burnside and McCLELLAN, and then a grand movement toward Richmond on the south side of James River.

The *Express* also makes the following allusion to a rumor which prevailed to some extent in Richmond on May 14:

"We understand that a most terrific rumor prevailed in Richmond on Saturday, relative to Petersburgh. Some re(lie)able person appeared in the streets of the former city, almost out of breath, and scarcely able to articulate for the time, yet managed to gasp forth to his hearers, that 20,000 Yankees had landed at City Point, and marched straight ahead and captured our beautiful city. This re(lie)able person had no time to wait for the departing trains, but started off a rapid double-quick on the railroad, and arrived in Richmond ahead of all the engines and telegraph too. We are informed that the good sense of the people of Richmond prevented their believing any such news. No, gentlemen, we have not 20,000 Yankees among us yet, and from present appearances are not likely to have them shortly."

THE FIGHT AT GILES COURT-HOUSE.

From the Richmond Dispatch, May 20.

A correspondent, writing to us from the Narrows, and with [illegible] of Giles County, under date of the 15th inst., furnishes us with some particulars of the engagement at that point. The writer states that after passing the country west of Lewisburgh on his way to New River, our army were ordered to the White Sulphur Springs, in Greenbrier, where they remained a few days. From thence they proceeded to Dublin Depot, where they arrived on the 7th. They were immediately hurried on to Pearisburgh, (Giles Court-house,) where the enemy were collected in considerable force, with the supposed intention of marching on Dublin Depot.

On the evening of the 9th the regiments under the command of Gen. Heck were informed that they would meet the enemy on the following morning, and preparations were at once made for an advance. At daylight the next morning the column reached the vicinity of Pearisburgh, the enemy's pickets were driven in, and a general firing commenced.

The only forces mentioned by the writer as being engaged are the Twenty-third and Forty-fifth Virginia regiments, Cols. PAYNE and McCAUSLAND—the Forty-fifth on the right, and the Twenty-third on the left. The fight lasted one hour and thirty minutes, when the enemy were driven from their position, through the town of Pearisburgh and down New River below the Narrows. Our forces behaved with great gallantry, and kept up the pursuit as far as the Narrows, where they were encamped on the 12th. The loss on our side was one killed and seven or eight wounded. The enemy's loss has not been definitely ascertained, but eleven dead bodies were found on the field and two prisoners were captured. We also captured a considerable quantity of stores, consisting of flour, bacon, &c. Our correspondent states that great satisfaction was manifested by the citizens of Pearisburgh and neighborhood at being relieved of the presence of the enemy.

THREATS TO SLAVES.

The *Dispatch* of the 22d has a long editorial article on "arming contrabands," in which it talks thus:

"For the wretched contrabands themselves, some of whom might possibly be obtained for the cruel purposes of our enemies, there would be a fate that would be a warning to their whole race to the end of time. Slavery has always existed since the beginning of the world; it has all the solemn obligations of religion; but never, in any age, nor among any people, has it existed in so mild and merciful a form as in the Southern States.

The amount of labor exacted has been small, and the provision for food and comfort, not only during the period of labor, but in the decrepitude of age and age, ample and certain. The affectionate sympathies of their masters have enhanced their pleasures and alleviated their sorrows. The diseases of their bodies have received the attention of the highest medical skill, and the wants of their soul have secured all the consolations of religion. Dark and dismal will be the hour that witnesses such an occurred return for humanity and kindness as that to which 'the contrabands' may ere long be prompted, but upon none will its curses descend with more instantaneous and withering ruin than upon themselves."

THE MOVEMENTS AROUND RICHMOND.

From the Richmond Dispatch, May 19.

The plan of the enemy has been fully unfolded by his Press, as well as by his demonstration at Yorktown, immediately upon his advance there. He will assay to take this city by encroachment, with the protection of parallel lines. He will throw up dirt as soon as he reaches the proper point, and he will try to reach the heart of the city with the spade. *If he is allowed to succeed in this, we will never assault, get here.* His advance is not far from Richmond, and, if not molested, we shall soon see that he is flinging up dirt. But we do not apprehend that he will be allowed to go on undisturbed in this kind of strategy. He will never get to Richmond with that economy of bloodshed and life imagined by McCLELLAN.

From the Richmond Dispatch, May 22.

The determination on the part of the people and their representatives to defend Richmond at any and all hazards, meets the unqualified approbation not only of all Virginians, but the people of the South. A Charleston paper, commenting on the resolve, says the words of Virginia's Governor and of the citizens of Richmond are those of earnest men. Her Legislature has resolved that the Capital must never be given up. It is settled that neither the threat of bombardment, nor bombardment itself, is to induce a surrender, and that the honor of the Old Dominion must be preserved, though her fair Capital is ashes be the sacrifice. This, it is said, is also the determination of the President, and so we will cling to the hope that Richmond will be saved, or that, if it should fall, it will only be after a desperate struggle, worthy the interests that are at stake.

AMUSEMENTS.

Music has had but a spasmodic existence during the past season, but nevertheless appears to be struggling resolutely to prolong it. Even opera is attempting to make another brief effort at life, which we have every reason for thinking may be successful. In other words, Mr. ULLMANN, who returned from Europe some ten days since, as we believe, is planning a short season, which will in all probability commence this week or the next. When the arrangements are completed, which only the capacity of a few of our resident artists may probably prevent—a cupidity which, we must say, is as ill-judged as it is at the present period ungracious—we believe it will be found that he offers the public a more considerable degree of artistic novelty than any manager during the past musical year has done. Two *prima donne*, neither of whom have yet been heard in this City, on the lyric stage, will probably appear. Although their names have not as yet been announced, we may hint that the one of them was the leading *soprano* in the opera at New-Orleans before the rebellion rendered that city unable to maintain such a costly amusement. Report speaks in the highest terms of her capabilities as a *cantatrice*, and although she has only been heard by us in a private drawing-room, we may frankly say—judging by that occasion—we believe report has done her no more than justice. The other is the wife of a prominent foreign artist, whose ability in her own profession has reaped a splendid pecuniary harvest during his tour through America. She is young, personally very charming, and has been studying for the operatic stage during the past two years. If the promise of success is borne out by her appearance at the Academy, she ought to be a valuable *dilettante* to Mr. ULLMANN. We understand that D'ANGRI is to be *contralto*. It will be seen, that in female voices there is every promise of the troop Mr. ULLMANN is about to offer us being very rich. With male voices there is more difficulty, but we scarcely doubt that he will be able to overcome it, and will make another effort to tame that stray bird—operatic success,—while he meanwhile keeps the contract with RIVERA carefully buttoned up in the innermost recesses of his breast-pocket.

Mr. GUSTAVUS GRAHY's Concert in commemoration of the birth-day of MOORE, came off during the past week, but was scarcely as successful in attracting a large audience as might have been anticipated. This was in all probability owing to the departure of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, which for the time must have somewhat impaired the pleasure-seeking temperament of our Irish population.

The regular theatrical season is about over; yet, even in its last days, it benignantly sheds rays of prosperous content on nearly all the managers. With scarcely an exception, they (the managers) will go into Summer retirement with refreshing realizations of handsome balances at their bankers'.

Mr. WALLACK perhaps will be able to rejoice in the largest measure of pecuniary success. And herein is justice beautifully illustrated; for there can be no one of all the play-going public but will accord him the largest measure of desert. He has never ministered to a refined and cultivated public taste more faithfully than during the past nine months, and one's opinion of popular discrimination becomes heightened when we see it thus generously rewarding merit. It has not always been clear or well balanced enough to do so.

Of the bygone six nights at Mr. WALLACK's house, three have been devoted to benefits of the leading performers in his company. Miss MARY GARDNER had a hearty reception on Monday, from a crowded and enthusiastic audience. No New-York favorite could show a better right to expect a demonstration of the kind. Mr. C. FISHER was gratified by another crowded House on Wednesday. Miss MADELAINE HENRIQUES (who, in a surprisingly short space of time, has established herself in the affections of all they that delight in watching the development of a true vocation for the stage) was rallied around famously on Saturday. For the first time in something like twenty years, DOUGLAS JERROLD's comedy of "Time Works Wonders" was played. The comedy itself is the most finished dramatic work JERROLD ever produced, and the performance of it on this occasion was equal to whatever so exacting an author as JERROLD might have required.

This evening Mr. MARK SMITH takes his benefit; and on Wednesday Miss FANNY MORANT will do the same. Excellent pieces, admirably represented, will of course be given.

At Laura Keene's, the fairy extravaganza of "The Elves" has been revived, with a number of pretty women in the cast, and some capital scenery. To-night will be produced a drama, new here, called "The Post-Boy," in which Mr. JOHN NEWBOUND sustains the principal character. On Wednesday, Mr. THOMAS BAKER has a benefit, when there ought not to be a vacant seat or standing-place in the building.

"The Enchantress" continues on the bills of [illegible] of Spiritual spectre and dancing in the City. Miss CARLOTTA [illegible] is announced for Friday.

Miss BATEMAN concluded a long and brilliant engagement at the Winter Garden, on Saturday. The theatre is closed this week, during the preparations that are necessary to give adequate effect to Professor ARNOUX's new entertainment.

The palmy days of the Old Bowery are being revived under the administration of Mr. G. L. FOX. There is a really fine company there, an immense variety of amusement and consequent liberal patronage.

BARNUM this week relies chiefly for attraction on his Baby Show. His former exhibition of the kind crammed the Museum day and night for two weeks, and this will be a more extraordinary affair than that was. In the Lecture Room the drama "Adelaide of Dresden" is played.

Mr. JARRETT's grand "combination" company appear at the Brooklyn Academy to-night, in BULWER's comedy of "Money." Messrs. E. L. DAVENPORT, WILLIAM WEHRLEY, JOHN GREENE, JOHN E. OWENS, Mrs. GLADSTANE and Miss WEMS are an uncommonly strong force to draw upon the public with.

The FLORENCES have taken Wallack's for a Summer season, commencing to-morrow week.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, June 1.

CONTRACTS FOR MUSKETS.

The Commission on Ordnance and Ordnance Stores have nearly closed their investigations. It appears from their report to the President that the existing contracts and orders for Springfield muskets amount to 1,164,000, while, in the opinion of the Ordnance Department, there will be required, for a year to come, to meet the probable wants of the country, not exceeding half a million guns of this model. Some of these contracts have already failed from non-compliance, and, from the present aspect of things, it seems likely that others will be added, in part or in whole, to the list of failures. The Commission deem it expedient and important to bring down the total number of Springfield markets which Government shall be bound to accept to about 500,000. In four cases, so far, the Commissions have confirmed contracts without reduction. These four cases are the only ones out of thirty-six in all, in which it was found that a formal contract had been signed and sealed by the contracting parties, and the only ones containing the provision imperatively demanded by law, that no member of Congress should be admitted to any share therein or to any benefit therefrom. The Commission show that the habitual disregard of law heretofore in contracts for arms has been attended by the evil of exorbitant prices, which the statute intended to prevent; but, under the present conduct of the War Department, this further waste of money is prevented.

COMMANDER OF THE HOUSATONIC.

Commander WILLIAM E. TAYLOR, detached from ordnance duty, has been ordered to report to Capt. HUNTER, for the command of the Housatonic.

NOMINATIONS OF BRIGADIER-GENERALS.

The following nominations for Brigadier-Generals were made yesterday by the President:

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel—REEZ. S. ROBERTS.

Major of Third Cavalry—Col. HORE B. REAR, of Indiana.

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DIED.

BAIN.—In this City, on Thursday, May 29, JULIA M., daughter of the late Peter Bain, Esq., of Albany, N. Y.

Her remains will be removed from her late residence, No. 29 West 14th-st., to-morrow, (Tuesday,) at 10½ o'clock A. M., and her funeral will take place at St. John's Church, Stamford, Conn., at 3½ o'clock P. M. Her friends and those of her brother, Dudley W. Bain, are invited to attend.

BRAGG.—In this City, on Saturday morning, May 31, Miss CAROLINE BRAGG, oldest sister of the late Lewis Bragg, Esq., of this City, in the 60th year of her age.

Her relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Monday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, from the residence of her nephew, F. M. Hogg, No. 11 West 30th-st.

☞ St. Louis papers please copy.

BOGERT.—On Saturday, May 31, FRANK JESSUP, only son of Stephen G. and Caroline Bogert, aged 4 years, 7 months and 16 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, at White Plains, on Tuesday, June 3, at noon. A special car will be attached to the train leaving the station corner of 27th-st. and 4th-av., at 10½ A. M., and return at 3½ P. M. from White Plains.

DELAFIELD.—At his residence, Staten Island, on Sunday, June 1, WILLIAM BARD, son of Rufus K. and Eliza Delafield, in the 24th year of his age.

Notice of funeral in the evening papers.

EVANS.—On Saturday morning, at her residence, No. 19 Bedford-st., Brooklyn, MARTHA SCRIVEN, beloved wife of Rev. Charles Evans, in the 66th year of her age.

GARRICK.—In Brooklyn, on Sunday, June 1, FRANK F., youngest child of William and Anne Garrick, aged 1 year, 1 month and 12 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from No. 139 Clinton-st., on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock.

HILLARD.—In Brooklyn, on Saturday, May 31, FANNY, daughter of Harriet and the late John Hillard, aged 20 years and 8 months.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her mother, No. 140 Remsen-st., on Tuesday, the 3d, at 2½ o'clock P. M.

JACKSON.—On Sunday, June 1, MARIA LOUISA, daughter of John and Mary Jackson, of Trafalgar, C. W., and adopted daughter of John and Maria Jackson, of Astoria, L. I., aged 4 years, 3 months and 16 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her parents, Gamble-st., Astoria, on Tuesday, 3d inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice. Friends wishing to attend the funeral from the City, will find carriages at the 34th-st. ferry; they will leave New-York side at noon, for Astoria.

☞ Canada papers please copy.

KELLY.—In this City, on Sunday, June 1, at 2 P. M., at her late residence, No. 21 Irving-place, after a long illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude, MARGARET, the beloved wife of James Kelly.

Notice of funeral in evening papers.

KELLOGG.—At the New-York Hotel, on Sunday, June 1, ABBY, relict of the late Warren Kellogg, of Troy, N. Y., aged 71 years.

Her remains will be taken to Troy for interment.

KING.—At Newark, N. J., on Thursday, May 29, ANSAIL LARNED, wife of Frederick King, in the 76th year of her age.

PARR.—In this City, on Sabbath morning, June 1, SARAH, eldest daughter of John and Susannah Parr.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 311 West 24th-st., on Tuesday afternoon, June 3, at 2½ o'clock.

SMITH.—In this City, on Friday, May 30, RANDOLPH, son of the late John M. Smith, in the 20th year of his age.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from St. Mark's Church, corner of 10th-av. and 10th-st., on Monday, June 2, at 4 P. M., without further notice.

SCHACK.—In this City, on Saturday, May 31, HENRY A. A., wife of Frederick C. O. Schack, in the 34th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also those of her brothers, S. A. Witthaus and G. H. Witthaus, are hereby requested to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 110 West 19th-st., on Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, without further special invitation.

TAYLOR.—In this City, on Sunday morning, June 1, SARAH TAYLOR, wife of Nathan Taylor, aged 42 years.

The friends and acquaintances of the family, and those of her son, George H. Taylor, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this (Monday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from No. 278 West 18th-st., without further notice.

VAN NESS.—At his residence, in this City, on Wednesday, May 28, LEWIS COL. EUGENE VAN NESS, Deputy Paymaster-General U. S. A.

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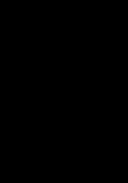

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SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE to the Company of the whole or any part of 643,000 of the Bonds of this Company dated July 1, 1861, payable July 1, 1871, will be received at this office until the 24th of June next, addressed to WM. E. WEBB, Secretary.

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For regulating and grading curb and gutter and flagging Fifty-ninth-street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues; also, flagging sidewalks in Lexington-avenue, between Forty-second and Fifty-seventh streets.

The limits embraced by such assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, situated on both sides of said Fifty-ninth-street, between Fifth and Eighth avenues, and both sides of Sixth and Seventh avenues, from half-way between Fifty-eighth and Fifty-ninth streets to Fifty-ninth-street; also, both sides of Lexington-avenue, between Forty-second and Fifty-seventh streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to one of the undersigned, at their office, No. 31 Chambers-street, basement new Court-house, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

CHAS. McNEIL, JACOB F. OAKLEY, WM. A. DOOLEY, } Board of Assessors.

OFFICE BOARD OF ASSESSORS, New Court-house, May 27, 1862.

NOTICE TO HACKNEY AND SPECIAL COACH OWNERS.—Licenses for the ensuing year will be issued on and after the first Monday in June next, ensuing, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., in the following order:

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From No. 101 to No. 200 inclusive, on Tuesday, June 3.
From No. 201 to No. 300 inclusive, on Wednesday, June 4.
From No. 301 to No. 400 inclusive, on Thursday, June 5.
From No. 401 to No. 500 inclusive, on Friday, June 6.

SPECIAL OR STABLE COACH LICENSES will be issued on each day (during the same hours) from June 10 to June 30, 1862, inclusive.

By order of GEORGE OPDYKE, Mayor. ABRAHAM BROWN, First Marshal.

Dated, Mayor's Office, City Hall, New-York, May 1, 1862.

The Inspectors of Hacks will be found at the east end of the City Hall, 30th Precinct, in the Park.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL Affairs will meet on MONDAY, the 2d day of June, in Room No. 8 City Hall, at 11 o'clock A. M. All persons interested will please attend without further notice.

Board of Aldermen. TERENCE FARLEY, CHAS. J. CRIPPS, IRA A. ALLEN, PETER MITCHELL.

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THE COMMITTEE ON SEWERAGE OF THE Board of Aldermen will meet on WEDNESDAY, at 4 o'clock P. M., in Room No. 8, City Hall. Parties interested in any matter before the Committee will have an opportunity of being heard. T. FARLEY, IRA A. ALLEN, C. A. JEREMIAH, Committee on Sewers.

THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT of the Board of Aldermen will meet every SATURDAY, at 3 o'clock, in the City Office, Room, City Hall. ALEX. FRIAR, IRA A. ALLEN, WILLIAM WALSH, Committee on Fire Department.

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NEWS FROM THE GULF.

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ers, and an old brig sunk, and at low water some of the hulks can be seen. Just inside of these sunken hulks a large ship has been scuttled, and her lower masts are still standing. The garrison at Fort Morgan is composed of 700 men. BLAKE could say nothing of the exact number of troops at Mobile, but he believed that there were several thousand in and about the city. On the 5th of May one of the regiments which had been stationed at Pensacola arrived, bringing news of the evacuation of the place and burning of the Navy-yard and town. The troops were badly clothed and poorly fed. The poor people were suffering greatly for the necessaries of life, and the rich long since have been deprived of everything like luxuries. There was no specie in circulation, as all the coin was removed from the Mobile banks so long ago as the 20th of February. On the 15th of May the schooner *Fresh of Bay* arrived from Havana, old Bart Morgan, with 15,000 stand of arms, running the gauntlet of the blockading vessels without molestation.

The schooners *Henry Jones* and *Bart. Smith* made an exploration, a few days since, under the command of Lieut. Commanding BERRY, of the Third Division of the Mortar Flotilla, to Pensacola, with the object of ascertaining what vessels, cotton loaded, which were said to be sunking there, waiting a chance to run the blockade. Capt. BERRY was not lucky enough to secure any prizes, but he sent Capt. PARSONS, of the *Henry Jones*, ashore to procure some Mobile papers. The inhabitants treated the sailors quite kindly and politely, granting his request. The newspapers have since fallen into my possession. They contain some things which may interest you, and I forward them. It was through them that we obtained our first knowledge of the evacuation of Norfolk and the destruction of the *Merrimac*. There is a rebel cavalry picket stationed at Pensacola, and when Capt. PARSONS went ashore they rode out of the town. Indeed, the appearance of our vessels alarmed the people very much. The fire-bells were rung, and the men attempted to defend themselves, while the women and children were hurried away into the woods. Capt. PARSONS told the throng who met him upon the dock, that he had come upon a peaceable mission; several of the prominent citizens invited him to the village hotel, where he passed half an hour with them in conversation. There were no expressions of love for the Union, but remarks were made which left no doubt on Capt. PARSONS's mind that the people were beginning to hate the war, and were desirous of returning to their allegiance. Just as he was about to go back to his vessel, a gentleman stepped up to him and introduced himself as the brother-in-law of Commodore FARRAGUT. He said that the Commodore's two sisters were residing in the village, and he desired that the fact of their being in perfect health should be made KNOWN to him.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS AND SHIP ISLAND.

There is tri-weekly communication between New-Orleans and Ship Island, via Lake Pontchartrain, with the steamer Wildmere. We get little news of affairs in the city. True, the newspapers come to us, but they contain nothing interesting, save the proclamations and orders of Gen. BUTLER. A gentleman of my acquaintance, who had formerly lived many years in New-Orleans, has spent a week there since the advent of the Union troops. He returned to Ship Island yesterday, looking very lugubrious. "There is no Union sentiment there," said he to me. "Friends whom I had known most intimately refused to look at me when I called upon them. They said and firmly believe that the Government of the United States is guilty in the policy of emancipating the slaves, and also the passage of the act of 'abolishment' in the District of Columbia is proof. The people of the South hate the North with an enduring hatred, and never can the old Union be reconstructed." My friend, too, was quite discouraged with Gen. BUTLER's order respecting the women of New-Orleans. Said he, "That publication will do more to obliterate the faint traces of love for the Old Flag than anything else that could have been devised. Its author is looked upon with loathing. Why should he descend to take notice of the demonstrations of angry women? They are harmless and ridiculous; would be the most effective weapon with which to treat them. I say, if any lady behaves herself any disagreeable friend, as he turned from me," Gen. BUTLER penned the very worst words he could have chosen, when he promulgated that order."

My letter is growing long, and I am afraid there will not be room enough in the paper for more of this desultory sort of information. I shall only add that the gunboat *Jackson* got safely out of Lake Pontchartrain, after being ashore two days. Capt. WEEMS's vessel had to strike three scuttles, although they had Gen. BUTLER's passes, and detain them long enough to lighten his vessel of her armament and ammunition, when she floated over the shallow place.

Much to the joy of Capt. POSTER, the fine new gunboat *Octorara* has finally arrived, and his flag is now hoisted upon her. The *Octorara* had always been intended for Capt. POSTER's flagship, but she was not ready when the expedition left the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and afterwards the Department used her at Hampton Roads. In the interval, Capt. POSTER has been the guest of Capt. WARNWRIGHT, of the *Harriet Lane*, whose cabin is not very spacious, and much inconvenience had resulted from having so transient a guest. Of business in such cramped quarters, of course, there could be no question.

The *Baltic* will leave at daylight to-morrow. She has discharged her large cargo with unexampled dispatch. H. J. W.

OUR KEY WEST CORRESPONDENCE.

MOVING FROM NEW-ORLEANS—MILITARY AND NAVAL MOVEMENTS—HEALTH OF THE TROOPS—PRIZES CAPTURED—PASSENGERS BY THE BALTIC—VESSELS AT KEY WEST, ETC.

KEY WEST, FLA., Monday, May 26, 1862.

By the arrival of the storeship *Supply, from the Mississippi*, we have late accounts from New-Orleans, the most startling of which is the fact that the deserted, defended and betrayed Secessionists are coming to a full realization of their case, and have commenced the work of retribution on their betrayers. Officers of the *Supply* assure us that a gentleman who has formerly resided on this island, and for years enjoyed the confidence of the present Secretary of the bogus Confederate navy, having extensive contracts for building gunboats at New-Orleans, and they not being completed as early as required, he was charged with obtaining large sums of money from the rebel treasury upon those contracts, which he had appropriated to his own use.

These acts were sufficient to call out a spirit of enquiry that dispatched the rabble in pursuit with a rope to hang him. However, he eluded them and escaped from New-Orleans, arriving at Natchez, where he was seized on board of a steamer, taken to a house near by and shot there hung from the plazza.

For the sake of the friends of the party we hope there may be some mistake about this, but we confess the report comes so direct there is no reason to doubt it. The money obtained is reported at the round sum of $200,000, said to be invested in English and French funds.

The Ninety-first Regiment New-York Volunteers, commanded by Col. VAN ZANDT, embarked for Fort Pickens on the steam transport *Philadelphia* a few days since, to reinforce Gen. ARNOLD's command, they having possession of the Navy-yard, the City of Pensacola and the approaches. The entire regiment were in the highest spirits, hoping that they may exchange the quiet and order of this post for a more active field, where glory may be earned by adding new victories to our cause. It is understood that this regiment leaves here temporarily and will return at any time whenever Gen. SHERMAN shall require them. Let this happen when it may, they will meet a hearty welcome from their numerous friends.

The transport steamer *Mississippi* arrived here on the 23d from New-Orleans, for troops to return to that city. There being now only two regiments on the Island, the Ninetieth New-York Volunteers, Col. MORGAN, and the Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. GROSS, the steamer was filled up with army stores, and then returned without them.

These two regiments are occupied in building permanent buildings for barracks, and in other improvements for defense, which with the fortifications now progressing here, are convincing that our Government is fully posted as to the growing importance of this Gibraltar, and let come what may with the aristocracies of Europe, this will not be an easy acquisition.

An unusual arrival occurred a few days since in the schooner *Jane E. Allen*, with [illegible] men under arrest, with a guarded Rebel flag as ensign of the same number. These men were brought in the Engineer Department works here, through Fort Royal, and had arrived at Key Tortugas, refusing to work until their demands were complied with, when they were forced to drive here to Gen. BANKS, and they may now be seen daily passing with a military guard from Fort Taylor to their appointed labor for the day.

The health of our island is unexampled, and the weather continues delightfully cool and pleasant. But a very small number of cases of sickness exist at all the camps, and the soldiers are adapting themselves to our Southern climate by their labors in the Quartermaster's Department in a way to prepare them for the future homes which many of them will doubtless seek in our genial atmosphere.

Several prize-cargoes of cotton have been brought in here during the last week, the most important of which arrived on the 25th, being the steamer *Sussex*, of Mobile, where she has been used in the bay and harbor for many years. She was captured on the 24th, about fifty miles west of Havana, off the coast of Cuba, by the United States bark *Amanda* and the brig *Estabridge*, having on board about 600 bales of cotton and 600 barrels of turpentine. The *Sussex* had been chased soon after leaving Mobile by the mortar-schooner *Arietus*, and had thrown over a quantity of cotton, fifty bales of which were picked up by the *Arietus*, and shipped per *Baltic*. There was a large crew of some thirty-four persons, and as passengers Dr. GAGE, wife and children, formerly of Mobile, and Rev. Mr. BUNCHER and family, of Mobile. The attempt to cross the *Gulf* in this river craft, with her guards just above water, may be considered as proof that the rebels at Mobile deemed this about the last chance.

The case of the British ship *Circassian*, (steamer,) will come before the Prize Court on the 28th inst., for disposal, and from its importance much speculation is indulged in concerning the result. The prediction may safely be made that if not condemned here the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. It will be remembered that the Captain destroyed his papers when chased, and refused to stop his vessel until struck by a shot aimed at him. The ship and cargo are worth $1,000,000.

I feel it due to the public to state, and it is done more in sorrow than in anger, that their interests are suffering here greatly for the want of more extensive arrangements for discharging, storing and supplying coal for the navy. There are now, and have been for the last two months, not less than fifteen vessels waiting under demurrage to discharge their cargoes of coal, averaging 250 tons, or 5,000 tons at eight cents per ton; $400 per day, or $12,000 per month. This would soon pay for another wharf and coal yard.

Wherever the Yankee penetrates, either in a wilderness or an oligarchy, the newspaper and the school-house are accompaniments, generally in the order they are named, but our city has proved an exception, for although two papers have been established by the military since their advent here, the last one being the Key West *Herald*, which has, Phœnix-like, sprung full fledged from the *debris* of the defunct rebel *Key of the Gulf*. The rebel-house is a thing of the past that might as well be in the "deep bosom of the ocean buried," or receive the magic touch of the modern civilizer, and be transformed into an American school of improvement.

The rebel steamer *Fog*, of New-Orleans, was nicely bagged at Berwick Bay, La., a few days since, after this fashion. She had successfully run the blockade, and reached Havana with a cargo of cotton. At the latter place she was loaded with coffee and merchandise, and upon leaving, was chased by one of our cruisers into Bahia Honda, Cuba, but escaped, and subsequently arrived safely at Berwick's Bay, unsuspecting the presence of Gen. BUTLER's forces, where they proceeded to make fast to the wharf, when our troops walked aboard and took charge to the astonishment of all that portion of secesh then on board the steamer. The prize was taken around to New-Orleans, where it will find a good market.

Secession is a hard road to travel, which is further proved in the case of one of our prominent citizens, who has been awaiting the return of the mail steamer *Baltic*, that he might with his family proceed North to spend the Summer, as has been his practice. Memory being fresh that this gentleman had refused coal and water to the late steamer *Atlantic*, or any other in the employ of the Government, and had done other things somewhat inconsistent with the duties of a loyal citizen, he was refused a passage on the *Baltic*. Intercession of friends secured a modification of this decision, permitting him that privilege, and we trust that the courtesy of the Commodore will have the effect of showing our misguided countrymen that moderation will be a ruling principle with all in authority. We commend its exercise in this case, and feel that it is not misapplied.

The *Baltic* takes a number of passengers from Key West. Among them will be found the names of Messrs. GAGE, BUNCHER and WINWRIGHT, with their families, before alluded to as having been passengers on the prize steamer *Sussex*. These persons are en route to Europe. They express themselves surprised at the courtesy which has been extended them by the United States officials in permitting them to continue their journey. The treatment was no different from what they had been led to expect. The people in the South believe, from the inoculations of their Press and Government, that our blockading vessels treat prisoners with the utmost inhumanity. The gentlemen all believed that they should be incarcerated in Fort Lafayette, and the ladies expected still worse treatment. Mrs. BUNCHER is a sister of the head of the firm of BROWN BROTHERS, Liverpool, and is a lady of rare intelligence, which only makes it more wonderful that she could have been deceived with such stories.

Mr. J. G. OLMSTEAD, who was wounded at Pearl River, also goes home in the *Baltic*. His misfortune caused great anxiety in Key West, where he had resided for thirteen months previous to going with the mortar flotilla, and made hosts of friends. The ball has not been extracted as yet from Mr. OLMSTEAD's wound, but he is gradually gaining strength and hopes to be able soon to renew his labors with the expedition.

VESSELS IN THE PORT OF KEY WEST, MAY 27, 1862.

United States steam-frigate *Niagara*, Flag-Officer MCBLAIR.
United States steam-frigate *St. Lawrence*, Capt. PORTRAUX.
United States steamer *R. R. Cuyler*, Capt. WINSLOW.
United States steamer *Tahoma*, Capt. HOWELL.
United States bark *Amanda*.
BARKS—Texan Star, Capt. Pike; Arethusa, Hooper; Harvest Queen, Murray; Achilles, Gallagher; W. H. Wall, Cesner; Mountain Eagle, Blanchard; Reindeer, Coutts; Tyccon, Livey; Almira Coombs, Drinkwater; Tangier, Hall; Linden, Howell; Jas. Davis, Staples; Samuel Moxley, Powell; D. Colden Murray, Nance; Moneynich, Smith.
BRIGS—Mary Mason, Capt. Wilson; J. W. McIntyre, McIntyre; Wm. C. Clark, Daggett; Sea Lash, Neth; E. H. Fitler, Holmes; Rebecca Shepard, Somers; Ellen Barnard, Perry; Jacob Bosh, Swenson; Mascot Wheeler, ——.
PRIZE VESSELS ON TRIAL—English steamer Circassian, London; rebel steamer Mobile; rebel schooner Independent; rebel schooner S. C. Bee; rebel schooner Magnolia; rebel schooner Jane Coffee, etc. These prize cargoes, all but the first and last, are cotton and turpentine.
SCHOONERS—Edward Bidder, Captain Harlson; James H. Strong, Foster; Emeline, Davis; Kate Stewart, Wood; Hiawatha, Dimey; Marietta Tilton, Tilton; H. R. Coggeshall, Swan; M. C. Merwin, Hawkins; J. L. Gaffrie, Miller.

UP THE MISSISSIPPI.

INTERESTING SKETCH OF THE PROGRESS OF OUR FLEET.

A private letter, written by an officer on board the sloop-of-war *Brooklyn*, just received in this City, gives the following interesting sketch of the movements of our fleet on the Mississippi:

"Our routine is this: We steam up the river days, and come to anchor nights. Last night, as usual, we came to anchor just before sunset, and also, as is our usual custom, we sent a boat on shore to have friendly communications, as far as the people will allow us to be friendly, with the residents of this vicinity. Mr. Lewar, First Lieutenant, the chief engineer, the doctor and myself were the officers who went in the boat. We pulled ashore abreast of one of the plantation houses. The house at first seemed deserted. As we approached the gateway, however, the proprietor made his appearance at the front door, and commenced walking backward and down the piazza, wringing his hands—a perfect picture of terror. He met us about half the distance from the gate to his dwelling, holding out both his hands in the greatest possible terror, exclaiming: 'You will not hurt me; my family—pointing to the house—are in the deepest possible distress, and are nearly dead with fear. But for me, I will not, cannot believe that you are such barbarians as you have been reported—I will not believe you have come here to steal, burn, ravish and destroy, and consequently I have come out to meet you. My family have hidden themselves away, and the servants also have gone into the stables for fear you will steal, carry them off, and sell them;' and so on, at some length.

"We, of course, protested against all this, and assured him that our mission up the river was for the purpose of restoring and building up, and not to destroy; that we were the enemies of those only who compelled us to be so, and never of defenceless men or women and children of the Southern States. It was a long time before he could be made fully to understand the nature of our visit, and still longer before the remainder of the family could be prevailed upon to show themselves. They were finally reassured, and the whole family made their appearance, apparently with fear and trembling—their eyes were red with weeping from the terror inspired by the Southern Vandals. It was an interesting family—all (five) girls, from eight to twenty, perhaps—some of them decidedly pretty. They were at first very shy; hardly a word could be got out of them. Soon they all grew more talkative, and before we left their reserve had all disappeared. They had become perfectly reassured, and a more agreeable half hour I have not passed since I left New-York than the half of one spent in their company. Everything about this place, this place on the plantation, was as we saw during our last year, loaded with fruit and vegetables and bulbs, and the next morning, before we got under weight, they had killed a bullock, and brought it down for our use of the night's occasion, and presented to each of the officers who went on shore the same day a splendid bouquet of flowers.

"Our interview with this family shows how complete is the system of terror imposed by the rebel Government over the people in this part of our country, and that all that is wanting to disabuse their minds is sufficient intercourse with us to make them acquainted with our object in prosecuting the war, and no force would be further necessary to put an end to the war. This is not an isolated case.

"At daylight we got under way and steamed up the river. At sunset came to anchor just below the line that divides the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, abreast of the very extensive plantation of a gentleman who bears the name of Col. ——. He is owner of six plantations, and works one thousand negroes. Sent two boats ashore (armed.) I went with one of the boats. Had an interview with Col. ——, his overseers and negroes. This gentleman is in a very bad fix. He has now five thousand bales of cotton stored on his plantation, and received orders the very same night, before we paid him our visit, to burn it or remove it five miles further into the interior. He is very indignant at the bogus rebel Government, and says with an oath he will die first. He denounces the rebel Government and all its works, and says there is a terrible reaction about to take place in these Southern States, and justice, though long delayed, will surely have its right. And he says truly, hundreds and thousands are like him. They are, since the advent of our fleet, bidding defiance to the rebel authority, and soon that power will be powerless, even in its own dominions. Thus the work goes bravely on.

"A few words about the slaves as I have at present found them may not be out of place, and may be of interest to some of my friends at the North. On the plantations they are extremely simple, and most of them very ignorant. They all think they are going to be emancipated by Massa LINCOLN unconditionally. In the city they are better informed, most of them at all events, and have a more correct knowledge of the case and the difficulties that practical emancipation has to encounter.

"I was on one plantation in the State of Mississippi, of the Legree style. The heart of every true philanthropist must bleed at sights such as I witnessed here, and, by the way, it was but a short distance from Red River, and consequently near where Mrs. STOWE places the scene of the death of her hero, Uncle Tom. It was here on the plantation of Mr. S ——, on the right bank of the river, that I witnessed the 'working up' system. The overseer was an ignorant, brutal white man, more brutal than any of the slaves over whom he domineers with an uncontrolable will. He boasted that 'he could neither read nor write, and did not want to learn to do either; that he was born poor, raised poor, and was poor now.' These were his words. On being asked why he was turning and tumbling into the river the plantation cotton, he replied that it was 'Mr. G ——'s orders.'

'Where was Mr. G ——?'

'Had run away, and was afraid of the Yankees,' &c., &c.

"Some plantations were differently conducted. There was as much difference as there is in men themselves. In fact, the slaves on these latter were treated more like equals than slaves. The officers of the fleet, by a written standing order, are forbidden to permit any negro to come over the side of the ship of which he has command, either as principal or acting for another. One night, a short time since, three negroes came alongside at about 1 o'clock, during the watch in which I had charge of the *Brooklyn*. 'What do you want?' 'Want to come aboard, massa.' 'Can't receive you; shove off.' 'Can we come in the morning?' 'Yes; you can see the captain in the morning.' And they did see the captain; but they were of course refused, because he has his orders, as well as his subordinates, to obey. Such cases are constantly occurring in our progress up and down the river."

THE EVACUATION OF CORINTH.

Everything Carried Away by the Rebels.

DIRECTION TAKEN BY THEM.

[APPROVED BY THE MILITARY SUPERVISOR.]

CORINTH, Saturday, May 31, 1862. VIA CAIRO, June 1, 1862.

Yesterday morning our reserve divisions were brought up, and our entire front moved forward, the men having two days' rations in their haversacks. During the day we kept up a tremendous cannonading, shelling the woods furiously. The rebels hardly showed themselves, but replied feebly with a few shots.

Last night we throw up breastworks along the entire front, and slept on our arms within 1,000 yards of the enemy's breastworks. At 2 o'clock this morning, Gen. POPE entered Corinth without the slightest resistance, and took possession.

At the same time, the Mayor, who had come out on a different road, met Gen. NELSON and surrendered the town to him.

There were no inhabitants remaining except women, children and old men, the rebels succeeding in carrying away absolutely everything except a few provisions, which, with the warehouses and railroad depôt, were burned before we arrived. They took every invalid from the hospital, and every letter from the Post-office. They did not leave a single gun, and had been moving away troops more than six days, and stored two weeks.

The most of the troops have gone toward Grand Junction. The rebel rear guard, under BRAGG, 10,000 strong, marched southward at midnight. Citizens assert positively that BEAUREGARD was there in person, and left with it.

All concur that never more than 60,000 troops were there at once, and usually much less.

The rebel fortifications were five miles long, from the Memphis and Charleston to the Mobile and Ohio road; but they were much weaker than we supposed. They could have been carried by storm any time. The few prisoners we have are deserters from the rebel rear guard. There is great mortification in our army.

NEWS FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

Martinsburgh and Charlestown Evacuated by the Rebels—Movements of our Cavalry.

HARPER'S FERRY, Sunday, June 1.

It is all quiet here. The rebels have evacuated Martinsburgh and Charlestown. The damage done by them to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is trifling. The road can be put in operation to the Ohio River within two days.

The Union cavalry, on Saturday afternoon, occupied Martinsburgh and several miles beyond.

Refugees in large numbers are returning to their homes.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

HARPER'S FERRY, Sunday, June 1.

Capt. COZZENS, of the Maryland Cavalry, Home Brigade, made a reconnaissance with Capt. CYRUS and Capt. HOBSON's Companies out to and through Charlestown, eight miles from here. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy by Capt. COZZENS in the vicinity of his reconnoissance, and the inference is that JACKSON has retired to Winchester.

Sutler DUNCAN, of the Eighth New-York Cavalry, came into our camp lines to-day, with fresh supplies. His wagon was examined by the Officer of the Day, and several bottles of liquor found and dashed upon the ground.

Some Federal scouts came in to-day with camp equipage, &c., and reported that a shell from a heavy gun here on Friday night last, had exploded about three miles off over Loudon Heights, right in the midst of a secession camp, scattering the rebels in such hot haste that they did not stop to take a single thing with them.

The Santa Fe Mail.

KANSAS CITY, Saturday, May 31.

The Santa Fé Mail, with dates to the 12th inst., has arrived, but it brings no news of importance.

Advices from Fort Craig are to the 12th. All was quiet in the Territory.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE

THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, OFF CAPE RACE.

POLITICAL NEWS UNIMPORTANT.

Comments of the London Press on the Fall of Yorktown.

Financial and Commercial News

CAPE RACE, Saturday, May 31.

The steamship *City of New-York*, from Liverpool May 21, via Queenstown 22d, was boarded off this point at 1 P. M. this day.

The news is not important.

The steamship *North American*, from Quebec, arrived at Londonderry 20th.

The steamship *City of Washington*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown 21st.

The steamship *Bremen*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton 20th.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The English journals continue to expatiate on the retreat from Yorktown and the fall of New-Orleans.

The *Times* treats the retreat from Yorktown as a *great reverse to the Confederates*, and says if Richmond is captured, it will be a tremendous victory to the Nationals. It metaphorically enlarges on the difficulties that must arise in governing the South when the Nationals by continued victories have brought the Secessionists within their power.

The *Daily News* says, although the fall of New-Orleans, in a military sense, cannot be overrated, it is of far greater importance in its social, commercial and political results, as the possession of the Mississippi opens the way for the industrial energy of freedom, and altogether destroys the political position and territorial prestige of the Southern Confederacy. The great territories of the West are lost to the slave Confederation, and this alone is a suitable recompense for all that has been spent on the war. It is an enormous gain, not only for the Union, but for Europe, for humanity and civilization. It praises the North for conducting the struggle as free citizens ought to do.

In another article the *Daily News* defends the financial policy of the North from the calumnies of its foes. It says the financial position furnishes a striking proof of the constancy of a free people;—the true wisdom of their rulers, relying on that constancy.

The *Morning Herald* shows grounds under which, after the decision of events at Corinth, New-Orleans may be recaptured. It regards the possession of New-Orleans as of the most vital political and commercial importance to the South.

The *Morning Post* thinks the present position of affairs eminently favorable for effecting a compromise acceptable to both, but admits that it will be no easy task to reconcile the requirements of both.

The Liverpool *Post* regards the war virtually at an end, and looks for the proclamation of peace at any moment.

The Captain of the steamer *Bermuda*, in a letter to his owners, protests against her seizure while she was going from Bermuda to Nassau, and represents it to have taken place in British waters. He, however, bears testimony as to the gentlemanly conduct of his captors.

The United States frigate *Constellation* left Algesiras on the 6th for the Eastward. The *Tuscarora* remained there, and the *Sumter* at Gibraltar.

In the House of Commons, Mr. D'ISRAELI, in a party speech against the continued heavy expenditure, and questioning the cordial relations of France and England, referred to the relations of the English and French Ambassadors at Washington, and reasserted, that notwithstanding the Ministerial denials, *rivalry existed between them*, and it would be proved on the publication of documents.

Lord PALMERSTON, in response, asserted that D'ISRAELI was misinformed, and that LYONS and MESCUTA were acting together with the utmost cordiality, as if they were representatives of one Power.

The Government was defeated by 93 majority on the bill relative to the removal of a portion of the contents of the British Museum.

Earl RUSSELL, in submitting the new treaty with America on the Slave-trade to the House of Lords, bore testimony to the efforts of President LINCOLN's Government to put a stop to the traffic.

FRANCE.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Post* gives a rumor that the French Government has decided to withdraw their troops from Mexico as soon as possible, but nothing confirms this. There was more activity at Lyons under the news of the recent National successes in America.

The Paris Bourse was flat. Rentes were lower, at 70f. 40c.

ITALY.

It is reported from Italy that the Australian troops, in their campaigning order, occupied the line of the Lago de Garda.

VERY LATEST PER EUROPA.

CHINA.

By Telegraph from Jubel.

CANTON, Tuesday, April 15.

WARES TWEED declining.

TEA—Higher prices demanded. Total export, 90,240,000 lbs.

EXCHANGE on London, 4s. 8½d.

SHANGHAI, Saturday, April 5.

GRAY SHEETINGS active, and prices advancing.

TEA quiet.

SILK firm, but little doing. No. 2 Tsaitee, 400 taels.

SPECIE—Imports during the last fortnight, 2,500 bales. Exports to date, 60,300 bales.

EXCHANGE on London, 6s. 3d. EXCHANGE on India, 2s. 6d. FREIGHTS lower.

Mexican Affairs.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE COUNT DE REUSS, (GEN. PRIM.)

GRANADA, April 14, 1862.

Inflexible destiny is stronger than the will of man. Could I have doubted it, what has just occurred here would have convinced me.

The triple alliance no longer exists. The soldiers of the Emperor remain in the country to establish a throne for the Archduke MAXIMILIAN—what madness!—while the soldiers of England and Spain withdraw from the Mexican soil.

You, who are aware of the attachment I have for *the Emperor*, and the truly fraternal esteem in which I hold the brave French, and all that relates to them, will readily comprehend the bitterness of my soul when I am obliged to quit the battlefield and to separate myself from my comrades, when the finest dream of my life was to combat for the same cause as the French and on the same ground.

But it was impossible for me to remain without forgetting altogether what I am and what I owe to my Queen and my country.

The truth, after all, is, that the Commissioners of the Emperor have departed entirely from the Convention of London, with the determination of acting on their own account only. The protest was the precaution which they decided on extending to the Mexican emigrants, ALMONTE and the rest, who arrived at Vera Cruz, avowing that they came with the fixed plan of destroying the Republic, in order to create a monarchy in favor of the Archduke MAXIMILIAN. Since then, in the conference of the 10th, five days before the negotiation with the Mexican Government, M. DE SALIGNY declared that he would no longer treat with the Government of JUAREZ.

In the last proces *verbal* all is clearly expressed, clearly established—in *extenso*, as the diplomatists say—and that document alone will suffice for public opinion to determine who is right and who is wrong.

As to myself (a Spaniard) you will readily understand that I could not support this radical change of the political system of this country if a Prince of the Austrian monarchy was to be imposed on it.

The Allies came here bound by the Convention of London, and we could not depart from it without placing ourselves in the wrong. I withdraw, then, with my troops, and go to Havana, to await the orders of my Government. Yours, &c., PRIM.

Commercial News by the City of New-York.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, May 21.

COTTON—Sales of Monday and Tuesday, 7,000 bales, of which 2,000 were to speculators and exporters. The market closed heavy and nearly [illegible] prices of Friday. [illegible] Orleans fair [illegible] Middling Orleans, [illegible] Mobile, [illegible] Upland, [illegible] Fair Pernam, [illegible] Middling Pernam, [illegible] Fair Egyptian, [illegible] Middling Egyptian, [illegible] Fair Smyrna, [illegible] Middling Smyrna, [illegible] Fair Bengal, [illegible] Middling Bengal, [illegible] Fair Madras, [illegible] Middling Madras, [illegible] Fair China, [illegible] Middling China, [illegible] Fair East India, [illegible] Middling East India, [illegible] Brazil, [illegible] Peruvian, [illegible] Sea Island, [illegible] Total sales of the week [illegible] including [illegible] for speculation and export, and [illegible] for consumption. Market closed at [illegible] for Upland and [illegible] for Orleans.

BREADSTUFFS—Market for Western Flour [illegible] Wheat, [illegible] Red Southern, [illegible] White Western, 11s. 9d. [illegible] Corn, [illegible] Mixed, [illegible] Yellow, [illegible] White, [illegible]

PROVISIONS—Generally very dull. Beef easier; Pork heavier; Bacon quiet but steady; Lard firmer—sales of 419.[illegible]cts.; Tallow dull at 42s.

PETROLEUM—Refined quiet at 22½. for Free; Rosin dull—common, 12s. 3d. @ 12s. 6d.; Spirits Turpentine firm at 32s.; Sugar quiet but steady; Coffee quiet and downward; Rice steady and unchanged; Linseed Oil firmer—sales at 32s.

LONDON MARKETS—May 20.

BULLION—Gold [illegible]. Bank Stock—Consols steady. TEA dull and unchanged. RICE quiet and unchanged. TALLOW firmer; sales at 42s. 3d. LINSEED OIL firmer; sales at 32s.

Illinois Central shares, 64½@63½ discount; Erie Shares, 29½@31½.

Canada, for money, 89½@90½.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, May 22.

COTTON—The market has recovered under the *North American's* news, and prices advanced 1d., closing quiet, heavier; sales of two days, 9,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters.

BREADSTUFFS are heavier.

PROVISIONS and Produce Generally unchanged.

LONDON, Thursday, May 22.

CONSOLS, for money, [illegible]

American Securities dull and neglected.

The minimum rate of interest of the Bank of England has been advanced to 3 ½ cent.

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

A Violent Thunder-storm—Depredations by Rebel Deserters and Contrabands—Arrival of Prisoners Captured at Hanover Court-house, &c.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, June 1.

The Old Point boat has arrived, bringing the following letter from

FORTRESS MONROE, Saturday, May 31.

A remarkable thunder-storm occurred last night, with torrents of rain, which lasted several hours. The telegraph line to headquarters of the army was unable to operate. Shortly before 11 o'clock, the lightning struck the old wooden building on the corner of the road to Camp Hamilton, setting it on fire. The building was entirely destroyed—others in the vicinity were saved. It was occupied by the Engineer Department, and contained three horses, a quantity of oats and corn. Two horses were got out safely, and the greater part of the oats and corn. Loss not over $2,000.

There are large numbers of deserters from the enemy, between this place and Richmond, who, while professing to be Union men, insisting that they were reluctantly forced into the rebel ranks, still retain all their bitterness against the Federals, and make it almost dangerous for a solitary traveler to meet one or two of them. Our cavalry scouts are out, however, in the direction of Big Bethel and Back River, and frequent arrests are made of these fellows, who are, no doubt, guerillas. They are extremely ignorant, ugly looking and miserably clad. Many of the depredations and outrages are also committed by run-a-way contrabands, who roam over the country and do pretty much as they please.

The Government steamer *King Philip*, came down from Washington this morning, having on board a Congressional Committee, naval officers and a party of ladies. Mayor WHITTEMAN, of Boston, is also here to-day. The whole party visited Norfolk, accompanied by Gen. WOOL.

The dispatch steamer *Eastern State* sails for Hatteras this afternoon, with mails, dispatches and passengers.

The steamboat *Ariel* arrived to-day from Whitehouse, having on board the prisoners captured by Gen. MCCLELLAN at Hanover Court-house the other day. They came in charge of Lieut. MEMAVIER, First United States Infantry, Aid-de-Camp to Gen. POPE, Provost-Marshal of the army of the Potomac. They proceed to New-York this afternoon in the steamer *Star of the South*, in charge of Company D, Ninety-ninth New-York Volunteers, Capt. MCINTYRE. They number in all 341, and include a Major and about a dozen other officers.

FORTRESS MONROE, Sunday, June 1.

The steamer *S. R. Spaulding* arrived this afternoon from New-York, with privateersmen and others from Fort Hamilton, and will probably go up the James River to-morrow.

At the Union meeting in Norfolk last night Hon. JOSEPH SEGAR made a speech. There were cheers for the Stars and Stripes, and great enthusiasm was manifested. The meeting was arranged on short notice. There will be more extensive demonstrations in a few days.

ANOTHER VALUABLE PRIZE.

The British Iron Steamship Petrea Captured off Charleston and brought into this Port—The Prize Valued at $300,000.

The prize steamship Petrea, of London, Acting Master D. G. URQUHART, *from Charleston Bar, May 27*, arrived at this port yesterday. She was captured on the night of May 26, twenty-two miles S. W. by W. of Charleston Bar, by the United States gunboat *Bienville*, Commander MULLANEY, while attempting to run into Charleston. She is built of iron, one year old, of 300 tons burden, a propeller, of 100-horse power engine.

Her cargo consists of 1,400 kegs powder, 50 cases rifles, 600 bags coffee, and a large quantity of quinine. She took in a part of her cargo in London and the rest in Havana. She had no papers showing her nationality or port of destination on board. Capt ELLIOT, her former Commander, First-Assistant Engineer and one sailor are on board; the remainder of her crew, nineteen in number, are on board the United States gunboat *James Adger*.

The vessel and cargo are valued at $300,000. She now lies at the Navy-yard, Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.—Mr. BURGHAM last evening delivered one of his radical appeals for justice to all men, and in connection therewith a scathing rebuke to all injustice and oppression—particularly as affecting the inferior races, and especially that of the negro. He selected as his text the 40th verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews: "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Christ, he said, did not suffer on the cross alone to atone the Anglo-Saxon race, as some affected to believe, but he suffered that all mankind might have the road of salvation open to them; even including the negroes. He impressed upon the minds of his hearers the important truth that the world would not be elevated, unless the inferior races were taken along too; that it was the duty of all men, but especially of Christians, to render justice to the ignorant and depraved of all races. In this connection Mr. BURGHAM read an extract from the Newbern, N. C., correspondent of the TIMES, (R. R.,) wherein it is stated that Gov. STANLY had informed Mr. COFFIN (who has been teaching the negroes to read since the advent of Gen. BURNSIDE into that State) that his instructions from Washington were to administer the laws of the State as he found them; consequently, under the laws of North Carolina, teaching negroes to read, being a penal offence, Mr. COFFIN would have to cease his philanthropic work. It said Mr. BURGHAM, the Government at Washington sanctions that decision of Gov. STANLY, the people have been deceived. He did not believe, however, that the Governor, in this respect, would be sustained. If the people of North Carolina had elected a Governor, then there might be some excuse for enforcing this law; but if the Government had the right and the power to force upon the people of that State a Governor, that Government had equally a right to order the law enforced to stand, and to compel the obedience of all who should dare to violate it. [illegible] Burnside, had an interview with Gov. Stanly, [illegible] alleged, drew a knife, cutting Burnside with it, [illegible] a very dangerous wound. Stanly was subsequently arrested by Colonel Kenly, of the Fifth Maryland Regiment, and committed to answer the result of his injuries inflicted upon Mr. Coffin.

CITY COURT.—The June Term of the Brooklyn City Court, for the trial of civil causes, with a jury, will be commenced to-day. There are 37 causes upon the calendar—some of them important—and 16 of which, together with No. [illegible], will be called to-day.

Arrivals in the City.

Gen. Prim and suite, who arrived on the Europa last night, were last night visited, at the Clarendon Hotel, by Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Cassenove, respectively Consuls in this City of Spain. Prim, accompanied by several prominent Spaniards, called on Mr. Stoughton. Gen. Prim and suite remain at the Clarendon Hotel, which they arrived from Europe.

Brevet Major-Gen. Wallace, Major-Gen. Curtis, Brig.-Gen. Wallace and family, Capt. Wallace, Capt. Clark, Capt. O'Brien, Dr. [illegible] of the U. S. Army, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Gov. Morton, of Indiana, Gov. Yates, of Illinois; Judge Harris, of Illinois; Mr. Brown, of Ohio; Mr. Pierce, of Illinois, and Lieut.-Col. Wallace, of the U. S. Army, are at the Astor House.

H. Hoppin and lady, of Hartford, and Miss Mayby, from Charleston, are at the Brevoort House.

B. Rice, of Newcastle, are at the Fifth Avenue.

Sig. Muzio, Sig. Brignoli and Sig. Amodio are at the Everett House, yesterday from Europe, and return to that city again to-day.

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NEWS FROM THE GULF.

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[illegible] and an old brig sunk, and at low water some of the hulls can be seen. Just inside of these stakes is a large ship that has been scuttled, and her masts are still standing. The garrison at Fort Morgan is composed of 700 men. Slater could say nothing of the exact number of troops at Mobile, but he believed that there were several thousand in, and about the city. On the 9th of May one of the regiments of the occupation of the place and burning of the Navy yard had left. The troops were mostly clothed and pretty bad. The poor people were suffering greatly for the necessaries of life, and the rich long since have been deprived of everything like luxuries. There was no specie in circulation, as all the coin was removed from the Mobile banks so long ago as the 20th of February. On the 8th of May the schooner *Sarah of Bay* arrived from Havana, and Fort Morgan, with its 100 guns of some running the gauntlet of the blockading vessels without molestation.

The steamers *Henry Jones* and *Dan. Smith* made an expedition, some days since, under the command of Lieut. Commanding Barnes, of the Third Division of the Hogan Flotilla, to Pensacola, with the object of seeing and learn something about, our troops. They were not molested in the Mobile River, but were obliged to lie-to during day, waiting a chance to run the blockade. Capt. Barnes was not lucky enough to see any prize, but he sent Capt. Pennington, with a boat's crew, ashore to procure some fresh provisions. The inhabitants treated the sailors quite kindly and politely, granting his request. The newspapers were eagerly taken into my possession. They contain some things which may interest you, and I present them. It was through them that we obtained our first knowledge of the evacuation of Norfolk and the destruction of the *Merrimac*. There is a rebel cavalry picket stationed at Pensacola, and when Capt. Pennington went ashore they rode out of the town. Indeed, the appearance of our vessels alarmed the people very much. The Greeks were gone, and the men assembled to defend themselves, while the women and children were buried away into the woods. Capt. Pennington told the young who met him upon the dock, that he had come upon a peaceable mission; five of six of the prominent citizens invited him to the village hotel, where he passed half an hour with them in conversation. There were no expressions of love for the Union, but remarks were made which left no doubt on Capt. Pennington's mind that the people were beginning to hate the war, and were desirous of returning to their allegiance. Just as he was about to go back to his vessel, a gentleman stepped up to him and introduced himself as the brother-in-law of Commodore FARRAGUT. He said that the Commodore's two sisters were resting in the village, and he desired that the fact of their being in perfect health should be made known to him.

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW-ORLEANS AND SHIP ISLAND.

There is tri-weekly communication between New-Orleans and Ship Island, on Lake Pontchartrain, with the steamer Wachusett. We get little news of affairs in the city. True, the newspapers come to us, but they contain nothing interesting, save the proclamation and orders of Gen. BUTLER. A gentleman of my acquaintance, who had formerly lived many years in New-Orleans, has spent a week there since the advent of the Union troops. He returned to Ship Island yesterday, looking very lugubrious. "There is no Union sentiment there," said he to me. "Friends whom I had known most intimately refused to look at me when I walked upon them. They said and firmly believed that the Government of the United States is settled in the policy of emancipating the slaves, and cite the passage of the act of 'emancipation' in the District of Columbia in proof. The people of the South hate the North with an enduring hatred, and never can the old Union be reconstructed." My friend then was quite discoursing with Gen. BUTLER's order respecting the women of New-Orleans. Said he, "That publication will do more to alienate the fatal traces of love for the Old Flag than anything else that could have been devised. In rather is looked upon with loathing. Why should he attempt to take notice of the demonstrations of angry women? They are harmless and ridiculous; would be the most effective weapon with which to meet them. I say it, and say it seriously," said my companion (a friend, as he turned from me), "Gen. BUTLER passed the very worst words he could have chosen, when he promulgated that order."

My letter is growing long, and I am afraid there will not be room enough in the paper for more of this country sort of information. I shall only add that the gunboat Jackson got safely out of Lake Pontchartrain, after being ashore two days. Capt. WOODHAVEN had to cut down masts, and detain them long enough to lighten his vessel of her armament and ammunition, when she floated over the shallow place.

Much to the joy of Capt. PENROSE, the fine new gunboat Genesee has finally arrived, and his flag is now hoisted upon her. The Genesee had always been intended for Capt. PENROSE's flagship, but she was not ready when the expedition left the Brooklyn Navy-yard, and afterwards the Department used her at Hampton Roads. In the interval, Capt. PENROSE has been the guest of Capt. WAINWRIGHT, of the Harriet Lane, whose cabin is not very spacious, and much

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—BRIGS CAPTURED—BLOCKADERS BY THE RAILS—TROOPS AT KEY WEST, ETC.

KEY WEST, FLA., Monday, May 26, 1862.

By the arrival of the steamship *Supply*, from the Mississippi, we have late accounts from New-Orleans, the most startling of which is the fact that the deluded, deluded and betrayed Secesheisteis are coming to a full realization of their case, and have commenced the work of retribution on their betrayers. Officers of the *Supply* assure us that a gentleman who has formerly resided on this island, and for years enjoyed the confidence of the present Secretary of the bogus Confederate navy, having extensive contracts for building gunboats at New-Orleans, and they not being completed as early as required, he was charged with obtaining large sums of money from the rebel treasury upon these contracts, which he had appropriated to his own use.

There was were sufficient to call out a spirit of exasperation that directed the rabble in pursuit with a rope to hang him. However, he eluded them and escaped from New-Orleans, arriving at Matanzas, where he was seized on board of a steamer, taken to a house ashore by and there hung from the pickets.

For the sake of the friends of the party I we hope there may be some mistake about this, but we confess the report seems so direct there is no reason to doubt it. The money abstracted is reported at the round sum of $200,000, and to be invested in English and French funds.

The Nineteenth Regiment New-York Volunteers, commanded by Col. VAN ZANDT, embarked for Fort Pickens on the steam transport Philadelphia a few days since, to relieve Gen. ARMSTRONG's command, they having possession of the Navy-yard, the City of Pensacola and the approaches. The entire regiment were in the highest spirits, hoping that they may exchange the quiet and order of this post for a more active field, where glory (may be earned by adding new victories to our cause. It is understood that this regiment leaves here temporarily and will return at any time whenever Gen. BANKS shall require them. Let this happen when it may, they will meet a hearty welcome from their numerous friends.

The transport steamer Mississippi arrived here on the 23d from New-Orleans, for troops to return to that city. There being now only two regiments on the Island, the Nineteenth New-York Volunteers, Col. MORGAN, and the Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, Col. GROSS, the steamer was filled up with army stores, and they returned without them.

These two regiments are occupied in building permanent buildings for barracks, and in other improvements for defence, which with the fortifications now progressing here, are convincing that our Government is fully posted as to the growing importance of this Gibraltar, and let come what may with the agitations of Europe, this will not be an easy acquisition.

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[illegible] schooner *Rose H. Hilton*, with specific [illegible] under arrest, which [illegible] of the same steamer. Prisoners had belonged to the Engineer Department under Gen. BRAGG at Port Royal, and had, through the higher officers, subscribing to which their demands were complied with, when Gen. BRAGG sent them here to Gen. BANKS, and they now are to meet daily passing with a military guard from Fort Taylor in their appointed labor for the day.

The health of our island is unexpected, and the weather continues delightfully cool and pleasant. But a very small number of cases of sickness exist in all the camps, and the soldiers are adapting themselves to our Southern climate by their labors in the Quartermaster's Department in a way to prepare them for the future homes which many of them will doubtless seek in our genial atmosphere.

Several prize-sloops of cotton have been brought in here during the last week, the most important of which arrived on the 20th, being the steamer *Sonora*, of Mobile, where she had been used in the hay and lumber for many years. She was captured on the 18th, about fifty miles west of Havana, off the coast of Cuba, by the United States bark *Amanda* and the brig *Sumpter*, having on board about 800 bales of cotton and 600 barrels of turpentine. The *Sonora* had been chased soon after leaving Mobile by the mortar-schooner *Arletta*, and had thrown over a quantity of cotton, fifty bales of which were picked up by the *Arletta*, and shipped per *Sonora*. There was a large crew of some thirty-two persons, and as passengers Dr. GAGE, wife and children, formerly of Matanzas, and Rev. Mr. BUNNING and family, of Mobile. The attempt to run the Gulf in this river craft, with her guards just above water, may be considered in proof that the rebels at Mobile deemed this about the best chance.

The case of the British ship *Gerrandon*, (steamer,) will come before the Prize Court on the 20th inst., for disposal, and from its importance much speculation is indulged in concerning the result. The prediction may safely be made that if not continued here the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court. It will be remembered that the Captain destroyed his papers when chased, and refused to stop his vessel until struck by a shot aimed at him. The ship and cargo are worth $1,000,000.

I feel it due to the public to state, and it is done more to sorrow than in anger, that their interests are suffering here greatly for the want of more extensive arrangements for discharging, storing and supplying coal for the navy. There are now, and have been for the last two months, not less than fifteen vessels waiting under demurrage to discharge their cargoes of coal, averaging 250 tons, or 3,500 tons at eight cents per ton; $280 per day, or $12,000 per month. This would soon pay for another wharf and coal yard.

Wherever the Yankee penetrates, either in a wilderness or an oligarchy, the newspaper and the school-house are accompaniments, generally in the order they are named, but our city has proved an exception, for although two papers have been established by the military since their advent here, the last one being the Key West *Herald*, which has, Phœnix-like, sprung full fledged from the debris of the defunct rebel *Key of the Gulf*. The school-house is a thing of the past that might as well be in the "deep bosom of the ocean buried," or receive the magic touch of the modern civilizer, and be transformed into an American school of improvement.

The rebel steamer *Fog*, of New-Orleans, was nicely bagged at Berwick Bay, La., a few days since, after this fashion. She had successfully run the blockade, and reached Havana with a cargo of cotton. At the latter place she was loaded with coffee and merchandise, and upon leaving, was chased by one of our cruisers into Bahia Honda, Cuba, but escaped, and subsequently arrived safely at Berwick's Bay, unsuspecting the presence of Gen. BURNSIDE's forces, where they proceeded to make fast to the wharf, when our troops walked aboard and took charge to the astonishment of all that portion of secesh then on board the steamer. The prize was taken around to New-Orleans, where it will find a good market.

Permission is hard now to travel, which is further proved in the case of one of our prominent citizens, who has been awaiting the return of the naval transport steamer *Baltic*, that he might with his family proceed North to spend the Summer, as has been his practice. Memory being fresh that this gentleman had refused coal and water to the late steamer *Atlantic*, or any other in the employ of the Government, and had done other things somewhat inconsistent with the duties of a loyal citizen, he was refused a passage on the *Baltic*. Intercession of friends secured a modification of this decision, permitting him that privilege, and we trust that the courtesy of the Commodore will have the effect of showing our misguided countrymen that moderation will be a ruling principle with all in authority. We commend its exercise in this case, and feel that it is not misapplied.

The *Baltic* takes a number of passengers from Key West. Among them will be found the names of Messrs. GAGE, BUNNEY and WEWELL, with their families, before alluded to as having been passengers on the prize steamer *Sonora*. These persons are en route to Europe. They express themselves surprised at the courtesy which has been extended them by the United States officials in permitting them to continue their journey. The treatment was as different from what they had been led to expect. The people in the South believe, from the inculcations of their Press and Government, that our blockading vessels treat prisoners with the utmost inhumanity. The gentlemen still believed that they should be incarcerated in Fort Lafayette, and the ladies expected still worse treatment. Mrs. BUNNEY is a sister of the head of the firm of Brown Shoemaker, Liverpool, and is a lady of rare intelligence, which only makes it more wonderful that she could have been deceived with such stories.

Mr. J. G. OTMANNS, who was wounded at Pearl River, also goes home in the *Baltic*. His misfortune caused great anxiety in Key West, where he had resided for thirteen months previous to going with the mortar flotilla, and made hosts of friends. The ball was not found extracted as yet from Mr. OTMANNS' thigh, but he is gradually gaining strength and hopes to be able again to renew his labors with the expedition.

VESSELS IN THE PORT OF KEY WEST, MAY 27, 1862.

United States steam-frigate *Niagara*, Flag-Officer McKEAN.

United States steam-frigate *St. Lawrence*, Capt. PREVIANCE.

United States steamer *R. R. Cuyler*, Capt. WINSLOW.

United States steamer *Tahoma*, Capt. HOWELL.

United States bark *Amanda*.

BARKS—Texas Star, Capt. Pike; Arethusa, Hooper; Harvest Queen, Murray; Achilles, Gallagher; W. H. Wall, Cesner; Mountain Eagle, Blanchard; Reindeer, Coutts; Tycoon, Livey; Almira Coombs, Drinkwater; Tangier, Hall; Linden, Howell; Jas. Davis, Staples; Samuel Morley, Fowell; D. Colden Murray, Nunez; Monongahela, Smith.

BRIGS—Mary Mason, Capt. Wilson; J. W. McIntyre, McIntyre; Wm. C. Clark, Dregett; Sea Lark, Neill; E. H. Fitler, Holmes; Rebecca Shepard, Somers; Ellen Barnard, Perry; Jacob Dosh, Swenson; Mazeol Wheeler, ——.

PRIZE VESSELS ON TRIAL—English steamer Circassian, London; rebel steamer Mobile; rebel schooner Independent; rebel schooner S. C. Bee; rebel schooner Magnolia; rebel schooner Jane Coffee, &c. These prize cargoes, all but the first and last, are cotton and turpentine.

SCHOONERS—Edward Ridder, Captain Harkness; James H. Strong, Foster; Emeline, Davis; Kate Stewart, Wood; Hiawatha, Disney; Marietta Tilton, Tilton; M. R. Coggeshall, Swan; M. C. Merwin, Hawkins; J. L. Garrets, Miller.

UP THE MISSISSIPPI.

INTERESTING SKETCH OF THE PROGRESS OF OUR FLEET.

A private letter, written by an officer on board the sloop-of-war *Brooklyn*, just received in this City, gives the following interesting sketch of the movements of our fleet on the Mississippi:

"Our routine is this: We steam up the river days, and come to anchor nights. Last night, as usual, we came to anchor just before sunset, and also, as is our usual custom, we sent a boat on shore to have friendly communications, as far as the people will allow us to be friendly, with the residents of this vicinity. Mr. LOVEY, First Lieutenant, the chief engineer, the doctor and myself, were the officers who went in the boat. We pulled ashore almost of one of the plantation houses. The house at first seemed deserted. As we approached the gateway, however, the proprietor made his appearance at the front door, and commenced walking up and down the piazza, wringing his hands—a perfect picture of terror. He met us about half the distance from the gate to his dwelling, holding out both his hands in the greatest possible terror, exclaiming: 'You will not hurt me; my family—pointing to the house—are in the deepest possible distress, and are nearly dead with fear. But for me, I will not, cannot believe that you are such barbarians as you have been reported—I will not believe you have come here to steal, burn, ravish and destroy, and consequently I have come out to meet you. My family have hidden themselves away, and the servants also have gone into the stables for fear you will steal, carry them off, and sell them; and so on, at some length.

We, of course, protested against all this, and assured him that our mission up the river was for the purpose of restoring and building up, and not to destroy; that we were the enemies of those only who compelled us to be so, and never of defenceless men or women and children of the Southern States. It was a long time before he could be made fully to understand the nature of our visit, and still longer before the remainder of the family could be prevailed upon to show themselves. They were finally rescued, and the whole family made their appearance, apparently with fear and trembling—their eyes were red with weeping from the terror inspired by the Southern Vandals. It was an interesting family—all (five) girls, from eight to twenty, perhaps—some of them decidedly pretty. They were at first very chary; hardly a word could be got out of them. Soon they became more talkative, and before we left their reserve had all disappeared. They had become convinced, I presume, that a more miserable half hour's [illegible]

[illegible] have not [illegible] of our visit. Everything [illegible] and the remainder of the night passed off quietly. Our boat's crew, on their return, found a small boat with a negro in it, who had escaped from the rebels, and brought it along in tow. He was of the ship's company, and presented to each of the officers who were on shore his night previous a splendid turtle—a most acceptable present.

Our knowledge of this locality shows how complete is the system of terror imposed upon the rebel Government over the people in this part of our country, and that all that is wanting to disclose their minds is sufficient intercourse with us to make them acquainted with our object in prosecuting the war, and no force would be further necessary to put an end to the war. This is not an isolated case.

At daylight we got under way and steamed up the river. At sunset came to anchor just below the line that divides the States of Louisiana and Mississippi, abreast of the very extensive plantation of a gentleman who bears the name of Col. ——. He is owner of six plantations, and works one thousand negroes. Sent two boats ashore (armed.) I went with one of the boats. Had an interview with Col. his overseer and harvest. This gentleman is in a very bad 'fix.' He has now five thousand bales of cotton stored on his plantation, and received orders the very same night, before we paid him our visit, to burn it or remove it five miles further into the interior. He is very indignant at the brave rebel Government, and says with an oath he will die first. He denounces the rebel Government and all its works, and says there is a terrible reaction about to take place in these Southern States, and justice, though long delayed, will surely have its right. And he says truly, hundreds and thousands are like him. They are, since the advent of our fleet, bidding defiance to the rebel authority, and soon that power will be powerless, even in its own dominions. Thus the work goes bravely on.

A few words about the slaves on I have at present none (who may not be out of place, and may be of interest to some of my friends at the North. On the plantations they are extremely simple, and most of them are very ignorant. They all think they are going to be emancipated by the Northern soldiers, and in their minds they are better informed, most of them in all events, and have a more correct knowledge of the case and the difficulties that practical emancipation has to encounter.

I was an eye witness in the State of Mississippi, of the Legree style. The heart of every true philanthropist must bleed at sights such as I witnessed here, and, by the way, it was only a short distance from Red River, and consequently near where Mrs. STOWE places the scene of the death of her hero, Uncle Tom. It was here on the plantation of Mr. S ——, on the right bank of the river, that I witnessed the 'working up' system. The overseer was an ignorant, brutal white man, more brutal than any of the slaves over whom he domineers with an uncontrolable will. He boasted that 'he could neither read nor write, and did not want to learn to do either; that he was born poor, raised poor, and was poor now.' These were his words. On being asked why he was turning and tumbling into the river the plantation cotton, he replied that it was 'Mr. G——'s orders.'

'Where was Mr. G——?'

'Had run away, and was afraid of the Yankees,' &c., &c.

Some plantations were differently conducted. There was as much difference as there is in men themselves. In fact, the slaves on these latter were treated more like equals than slaves. The officers of the Met, by a written standing order, are forbidden to permit any negro to come over the side of the ship of which he has command, either as principal or acting for another. One night, a short time since, three negroes came alongside at about 1 o'clock, during the watch in which I had charge of the *Brooklyn*. 'What do you want?' 'Want to come aboard, massa!' 'Can't receive you; shove off.' 'Can we come in the morning?' 'Yes; you can see the captain in the morning.' And they did see the captain; but they were of course refused, because he had his orders, as well as his subordinates, to obey. Such cases are constantly occurring in our progress up and down the river."

NEWS FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

A Violent Thunder-storm—Depredations by Rebel Deserters and Contrabands—Arrival of Prisoners Captured at Hanover Court-house, &c.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, June 1.

The Old Point boat has arrived, bringing the following letter from

FORTRESS MONROE, Saturday, May 31.

A remarkable thunder-storm occurred last night, with torrents of rain, which lasted several hours. The telegraph line to headquarters of the army was unable to operate. Shortly before 11 o'clock, the lightning struck the old wooden building on the corner of the road to Camp Hamilton, setting it on fire. The building was entirely destroyed—others in the vicinity were saved. It was occupied by the Engineer Department, and contained three horses, a quantity of oats and corn. Two horses were got out safely, and the greater part of the oats and corn. Loss not over $2,000.

There are large numbers of deserters from the enemy, between this place and Richmond, who, while professing to be Union men, insisting that they were reluctantly forced into the rebel ranks, still retain all their bitterness against the Federals, and make it almost dangerous for a solitary traveler to meet one or two of them. Our cavalry scouts are out, however, in the direction of Big Bethel and Back River, and frequent arrests are made of these fellows, who are, no doubt, guerrillas. They are extremely ignorant, ugly looking and miserably clad. Many of the depredations and outrages are also committed by run-away contrabands, who roam over the country and do pretty much as they please.

The Government steamer *King Philip*, came down from Washington this morning, having on board a Congressional Committee, naval officers and a party of ladies. Mayor WISHTMAN, of Boston, is also here to-day. The whole party visited Norfolk, accompanied by Gen. WOOL.

The dispatch steamer *Eastern State* sails for Hatteras this afternoon, with mails, dispatches and passengers.

The steamboat *Ariel* arrived to-day from Whitehouse, having on board the prisoners captured by Gen. MCCLELLAN at Hanover Court-house the other day. They came in charge of Lieut. MEHAFFEY, First United States Infantry, Aid-de-Camp to Gen. FOSTER, Provost-Marshal of the army of the Potomac. They proceed to New-York this afternoon in the steamer *Star of the South*, in charge of Company D, Ninety-ninth New-York Volunteers, Capt. MCINTYRE. They number in all 841, and include a Major and about a dozen other officers.

FORTRESS MONROE, Sunday, June 1.

The steamer *S. R. Spaulding* arrived this afternoon from New-York, with privateersmen and others from Fort Hamilton, and will probably go up the James River to-morrow.

At the Union meeting in Norfolk last night Hon. JOSEPH SEGAR made a speech. There were cheers for the Stars and Stripes, and great enthusiasm was manifested. The meeting was arranged on short notice. There will be more extensive demonstrations in a few days.

ANOTHER VALUABLE PRIZE.

The British Iron Steamship Patras Captured off Charleston and brought into this Port—The Prize Valued at $300,000.

The prize steamship Patras, of London, Acting Master D. G. Urquhart, from Charleston Bar, May 27, arrived at this port [illegible] captured on the night of May 26, twenty-two miles S. W. by W. of Charleston Bar, by the United States gunboat Stevens, Commander MULLANEY, while attempting to run into Charleston. She is built of iron; one year old, of 756 tons burden, a propeller, of 150-horse power engine.

Her cargo consists of 1,400 kegs powder, 80 cases rifles, 800 bags coffee, and a large quantity of quinine. She took in a part of her cargo in London and the rest in Havana. She had no papers showing her nationality or port of destination on board. Capt BURGE, her former Commander, First-Assistant Engineer, and one sailor are on board; the remainder of her crew, nineteen in number, are on board the United States gunboat *James Adger*.

The vessel and cargo are valued at $300,000. She now lies at the Navy-yard, Brooklyn.

FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE

THE CITY OF NEW-YORK OFF CAPE RACE.

POLITICAL NEWS UNIMPORTANT.

Comments of the London Press on the Fall of Yorktown.

Financial and Commercial News

CAPE RACE, Saturday, May 31.

The steamship *City of New-York*, from Liverpool May 21, old Queenstown 22d, was boarded off this point at 1 P. M. this day.

The news is not important.

The steamship *North American*, from Quebec, arrived at Londonderry 20th.

The steamship *City of Washington*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown 21st.

The steamship *Bremen*, from New-York, arrived at Southampton 20th.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The English journals continue to expatiate on the retreat from Yorktown and the fall of New-Orleans.

The *Times* treats the retreat from Yorktown as a great reverse to the *Confederates*, and says if Richmond is captured, it will be a tremendous victory to the Nationals. It unmistakably enlarges on the difficulties that must arise in governing the South when the Nationals by continued victories have brought the Secessionists within their power.

The *Daily News* says, although the fall of New-Orleans, in a military sense, cannot be overrated, it is of far greater importance in its social, commercial and political results, as the possession of the Mississippi opens the way for the industrial energy of freedom, and altogether destroys the political position and territorial prestige of the Southern Confederacy. Two great territories of the West are lost to the slave Confederation, and this alone is a suitable recompense for all that has been spent on the war. It is an enormous gain, not only for the Union, but for Europe, for humanity and civilization. It praises the North for conducting the struggle as free citizens ought to do.

In another article the *Daily News* defends the financial policy of the North from the calumnies of its foes. It says the financial position furnishes a striking proof of the constancy of a free people;—the true wisdom of their rulers, relying on that constancy.

The *Morning Herald* shows grounds under which, after the decision of events at Corinth, New-Orleans may be reconstructed. It regards the possession of New-Orleans as of the most vital political and commercial importance to the South.

The *Morning Post* thinks the present position of affairs eminently favorable for effecting a compromise acceptable to both, but admits that it will be no easy task to reconcile the requirements of both.

The Liverpool *Post* regards the war virtually at an end, and looks for the proclamation of peace at any moment.

The Captain of the steamer *Bermuda*, in a letter to his owners, protests against her seizure while she was going from Bermuda to Nassau, and represents it to have taken place in British waters. He, however, bears testimony as to the gentlemanly conduct of his captors.

The United States frigate *Constitution* left Algesiras on the 6th for the Eastward. The *Tuscarora* remained there, and the *Sumter* at Gibraltar.

In the House of Commons, Mr. D'ISRAELI, in a party speech against the continued heavy expenditure, and questioning the cordial relations of France and England, referred to the relations of the English and French Ambassadors at Washington; and reasserted, that notwithstanding the Ministerial denials, rivalry existed between them, and it would be proved on the publication of documents.

Lord PALMERSTON, in response, asserted that D'ISRAELI was misinformed, and that LYONS and MESSIER were acting together with the utmost cordiality, as if they were representatives of one Power.

The Government was defeated by 98 majority on the bill relative to the removal of a portion of the contents of the British Museum.

Earl RUSSELL, in submitting the new treaty with America on the Slave-trade to the House of Lords, bore testimony to the efforts of President LINCOLN's Government to put a stop to the traffic.

FRANCE.

The Paris correspondent of the London *Post* gives a rumor that the French Government has decided to withdraw their troops from Mexico as soon as possible, but nothing confirms this. There was more activity at Lyons under the news of the recent National successes in America.

The Paris Bourse was flat. Rentes were lower, at 70f. 40c.

ITALY.

It is reported from Italy that the Australian troops, in their campaigning order, occupied the line of the Lago de Garda.

VERY LATEST PER EUROPA.

CHINA.

By Telegraph from Jubal.

CANTON, Tuesday, April 15.

WAGES TWEES declining.

TEA—Higher prices demanded. Total export, 90,241,000 lbs.

EXCHANGE on London, 4s. 6¼d.

SHANGHAI, Saturday, April 5.

GRAY SHIRTINGS active, and prices advancing.

TEA quiet.

SILK firm, but little doing. No. 3 Tealtee, 400 taels. Settlements during the last fortnight, 2,500 bales. Export to date, 60,300 bales.

EXCHANGE on London, 6s. 3d. EXCHANGE on India, 28s. 6d. FREIGHTS lower.

Mexican Affairs.

INTERESTING LETTER FROM THE COUNT DE REUSS, (GEN. PRIM.)

ORIZABA, April 14, 1862.

Inflexible destiny is stronger than the will of man. Could I have doubted it, what has just occurred here would have convinced me.

The triple alliance no longer exists. The soldiers of the Emperor remain in this country to establish a throne for the Archduke MAXIMILIAN—what madness!—while the soldiers of England and Spain withdraw from the Mexican soil.

You, who are aware of the attachment I have for the Emperor, and the truly fraternal esteem in which I hold the brave French and all that relates to them, will readily comprehend the bitterness of my soul when I am obliged to quit the battlefield and to separate myself from my comrades, when the finest dream of my life was to combat for the same cause as the French and on the same ground.

But it was impossible for me to remain without forgetting altogether what I am and what I owe to my Queen and my country.

The truth, after all, is, that the Commissioners of the Emperor have departed entirely from the Convention of London, with the determination of acting on their own account only. The pretext was the protection which they insisted on extending to the Mexican emigrants, ALMONTE and the rest, who arrived at Vera Cruz, avowing that they came with the fixed plan of destroying the Republic, in order to create a monarchy in favor of the Archduke MAXIMILIAN. Since then, in the conference of the 19th, five days before the negotiation with the Mexican Government, M. DE SALIGNY declared that he would no longer treat with the Government of JUAREZ.

In the last precis writ all is clearly expressed, clearly established—in extenso, as the diplomatists say—and that document alone will suffice for public opinion to determine who is right and who is wrong.

As to myself (a Spaniard) you will readily understand that I could not support this radical change of the political system of this country if a Prince of the Austrian monarchy was to be imposed on it.

The Allies came here bound by the Convention of London, and we could not depart from it without placing ourselves in the wrong. I withdraw, then, with my troops, and go to Havana, to await the orders of my Government. Yours, &c., PRIM.

Commercial News by the City of New-York.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday, May 21.

COTTON—Sales of Monday and Tuesday, 7,000 bales, of which 5,000 were to speculators and exporters. The market closed dull and heavy, with a decline of [illegible]

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Sugar, of consumers, [illegible] Coffee, [illegible] Rice, [illegible] Tobacco, [illegible] Spirits Turpentine firm at [illegible] Petroleum, [illegible] Tallow, [illegible] Linseed Oil firm, [illegible] Sperm Oil, [illegible] Whale Oil, [illegible]

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LONDON MARKETS—May 20.

Breadstuffs still declining. Sugar firm. Cotton steady. Tea dull and unchanged. Rice quiet and nominally [illegible] Tallow lower; sales at 44s. 9d. Linseed Oil firm, sales at 28s.

Illinois Central shares, 44½@44¾ discount. Erie shares, 29¾@30¼.

Consols, for money, 93¼@93¾.

LATEST VIA QUEENSTOWN.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday, May 22.

COTTON—The market has improved under the Arabia's news, and prices advanced ½d. closing quiet, however; sales of two days, 9,500 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters.

Breadstuffs are nominal.

Provisions dull and unchanged.

LONDON, Thursday, May 22.

Consols, for money, 93¼@93½.

American Securities dull and drooping.

The minimum rate of interest of the Bank of England has been advanced to 3½ cent.

NEWS FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

Martinsburgh and Charlestown Evacuated by the Rebels—Movements of our Cavalry.

HARPER'S FERRY, Sunday, June 1.

It is all quiet here. The rebels have evacuated Martinsburgh and Charlestown. The damage done by them to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad is trifling. The road can be put in operation to the Ohio River within two days.

The Union cavalry, on Saturday afternoon, occupied Martinsburgh and several miles beyond.

Refugees in large numbers are returning to their homes.

BROOKLYN NEWS.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH.—Mr. BEECHER last evening delivered one of his radical appeals for justice to all men, and in connection therewith a scathing rebuke to all injustice and selfishness—particularly as affecting the inferior races, and especially that of the negro. He selected as his text the 40th verse of the 11th chapter of Hebrews: "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Christ, he said, did not suffer on the cross alone to save the Anglo-Saxon race, nor some affected to believe, but he suffered that all mankind might have the road of salvation open to them; even including the negroes. He impressed upon the minds of his hearers the important truth that the world could not be elevated unless the inferior races were taken along too; that it was the duty of all men, but especially of Christians, to render justice to the ignorant and depraved of all races. In this connection Mr. BEECHER read an extract from the Newbern, N. C., correspondent of the TIMES, (R. R.,) wherein it is stated that Gov. STANLY had informed Mr. COFFIN (who has been teaching the negroes to read since the advent of Gen. BURNSIDE into that State) that his instructions from Washington were to administer the laws of the State as he found them; consequently, under the laws of North Carolina, teaching negroes to read being a penal offence, Mr. COFFIN would have to cease his philanthropic work. If, said Mr. BEECHER, the Government at Washington sanctions that decision of Gov. STANLY, the people have been deceived. He did not believe, however, that the Governor, in this respect, would be sustained. If the people of North Carolina had elected a Governor, then there might be some excuse for enforcing this law; but if the Government had the right and the power to force upon the people of that State a Governor, that Government had equally a right to order that the law referred to should not be enforced, and he believed it would be done.

MILITARY MATTERS.—The Twenty-eighth Regiment, Col. MICHAEL REDMOND, is ordered to report at the City Armory, corner of Henry and Cranberry streets, at 8 o'clock this morning. The regiment is understood to be full, fully equipped with every necessary for soldiers on active duty, and will leave for the seat of war sometime during the day, unless some unforeseen cause for detention should arise.

SERIOUS STABBING AFFRAY.—On Saturday night, two men, named JOHN FARRELL and ROBERT BURNS, had an altercation on Bond-street, when they soon came to blows. During the melée FARRELL, it is alleged, drew a knife, stabbing BURNS with it, inflicting a very dangerous wound. FARRELL was subsequently arrested by Officer RYAN, of the Forty-third Precinct, and committed to await the result of the injuries inflicted upon his antagonist.

CITY COURT.—The June Term of the Brooklyn City Court, for the trial of civil causes, with a jury, will be commenced to-day. There are 75 causes upon the calendar—some of them important—the first 19 of which, together with No. 32½, will be called to-day.

Arrivals in the City.

Gen. Prim and suite, who arrived on Saturday last, were last night visited, at the Clarendon Hotel, by Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Camacho, respectively Consuls in this City of Spain and Venezuela, and several prominent Spanish and American gentlemen. Gen. Prim and suite leaves ere long for Europe in the *Don Antonio Ulloa*, the Spanish war frigate in which they arrived from Havana.

Commodore Montgomery, Commodore Watson, Commodore Breese and Dr. Lowber, of the U. S. Navy; Gen. Wallace and family, Capt. Biddle, Capt. Clay, Capt. O'Brien, Dr. Sutherland and Dr. Coolidge, of the U. S. Army, are at the Astor House.

Gov. Morton, of Indiana; Hon. W. A. Richardson, of Illinois; Judge Marvin, of New-York; George W. Brown, U. S. Navy; and Dr. D. F. Eliot, of the U. S. Army, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

H. Hoppin and lady, of Newport, R. I.; Mrs. Billing and Miss Mayoby, from Charleston, S. C.; and Francis B. Rice, of Worcester, are at the Brevoort House.

Sig. Muzio, Sig. Brignoli and Sig. Amodio arrived at the Everett House yesterday from Philadelphia, and return to that city again to-day.

E. L. Davenport, the actor; Col. Viele, of Buffalo; J. Borden, of Costa Rica, and W. Muir, of Canada, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

L. H. Beattie, of the United States Navy; F. Preliano and Louis Uhlesinger, of San Salvador; J. B. Baxter, of Gen. Banks' Division, and C. Boyd, from London, are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

The Twelfth Regiment.

HEADQUARTERS TWELFTH REG'T, N. G. S. N. Y., NEW-YORK, June 1, 1862.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 39.—Commandants of those companies not mustered into the service of the United States, as also those having additional enrollments, and absentees from the muster of Saturday, will report with their men at the Division Armory, corner of White and Elm streets, on Monday, the 2d inst., at 10 o'clock A. M. Muster-in rolls in triplicate must be returned to headquarters, Rose House, corner of Broadway and Great Jones-street, one hour before mustering in. Arms and equipments are issued upon the requisition of commandants of companies immediately upon their being mustered in. Commandants are directed to hold themselves in readiness to assemble their commands at two hours' notice. By order.

W. G. WARD, Colonel.
GEO. A. HIGGS, Acting Adjutant.

RETURN OF GEN. ARTHUR.—Gen. C. A. ARTHUR, who has had arduous labors for the last twelve months in equipping and securing transportation for more than 100,000 soldiers that have left this State for the seat of war, and who has been temporarily absent visiting the advance encampment of Gens. MCCLELLAN and MCDOWELL, looking after the condition and comforts of the volunteers from the Empire State, returned on Saturday evening. Gen. ARTHUR reports a prevailing good health and cheerfulness throughout the army, and a determination on the part of our soldiers to do their whole duty when their commanders give the orders. Gen. ARTHUR left the extreme front at a point 4½ miles from Richmond, and from which he could see with the naked eye the rebel Capital.

ASSAULT ON AN OFFICER.—Officer CARROL, of the Eighth Precinct, was very roughly handled yesterday morning, by a number of rowdies, in a groggery at the corner of Grand and Laurens streets, kept by a man named BURNS. The officer, seeing the place open at 1 o'clock, and a number of well-known rowdies carousing at the bar, arrested the proprietor. A rescue was attempted by the rowdies, led by BURNS' brother, in which the officer had his head and neck cut, but succeeded in arresting BURNS and his brother. The latter was this morning held in $500 to answer, and BURNS, the proprietor, held in $100.

ARRIVAL OF ANCHORS SHIP-LOAD OF MEN.—The ship John J. Boyd arrived here yesterday, 10 days from Liverpool, with 900 Hessians, bound for [illegible]

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